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THE RECOUNT

Progressing Slowly With But Slight Changes.

At 5 o'clock last evening the board of registrars completed the recount of Ward four vote. Precinct 3 of Ward 3, gave Lawrence an extra vote making his lead 17, and Goward and Eastman lost one each. Ward four showed only four changes, Goward and Libby gained one each, O'Neil lost one and Peirce lost two. B. D. O'Connell Esq., watched the counters for a while and was desirous to know if Libby was making any gains.

The votes of Ward five were recounted last night, the registrars finishing at 11.30. These precincts showed only slight changes in the aldermanic vote, but in the mayoralty vote, it was found that a block of 50 was counted for Bennett which should have gone to Courtney. The revised count stood Courtney 1020, Bennett 397, while the original returns gave Courtney 974, Bennett 445.

FUNERAL SERVICES

CAVANAUGH—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Cavanaugh, widow of Patrick Cavanaugh, took place from St. Michael's church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Fr. Scannell officiating. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends, showing the esteem in which deceased was held. The bearers were Peter Burns, Dennis Gannon, Walter Coleman, John Devlin, John Carr, James Farrell.

MATRIMONIAL.

A quiet wedding took place at 41 Grand street, Wednesday night, when George A. Dale and Miss Bertha L. Lohnes were married by Rev. E. T. Curnick. The ceremony was witnessed by a few friends and was followed by a collation.

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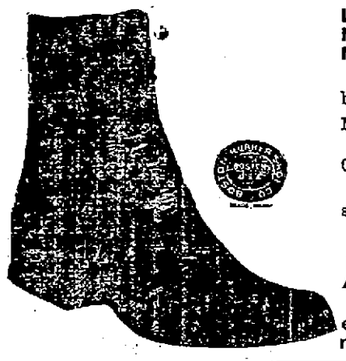

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TROUBLE FOR MRS. LEASE.

Her Kansas Home to Be Sold to the Highest Bidder.

On the feast of the Epiphany, next month, at the west door of the courthouse, in Wichita, Kan., the home that Mrs. Mary E. Lease lives in during the Christmas holidays, and in which her husband and children live all the year round, will be sold by Sheriff Rufus Cone to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand. The sale will be made under an order of Judge David M. Dale of the district court, and his order is the result of a judgment in his court wherein one J. March, a money lender of Kansas City, was plaintiff and Mary E. Lease was defendant. To be brief, Mr. J. March loaned $1,400 to Mrs. Lease, and received as security a mortgage on her home. This mortgage became due in 1895, and Mrs. Lease neither offered to pay it nor sought a renewal.

To be moderate in stating the facts, Mrs. Lease had no desire to pay $1,400 and an additional $100 in accumulated interest and taxes on property which is now not worth more than $500. At the time the mortgage was made the property was undoubtedly worth more than $1,400; but values in Kansas are uncertain. In the average Kansas town the utility of a home for purely domestic purposes is not the basis of value. The centers of society and business have a great deal to do with it. The approach of these influences means an increase of value. Their retreat means a decrease. The tendency of both has been in the opposite direction from Mrs. Lease, or rather from her property.

The day may come when the home of Mrs. Lease may be valuable as a fruitful field for the relic hunter; but, as yet, in this community at least, Mrs. Lease has not reached the interesting point occupied by John Brown and Barbara Freitchie in the heart of the "relicomaniac." No public spirited movement has been inaugurated to purchase the home and present it to her as an evidence of the estimation in which she is held by her fellow citizens.—Chicago Tribune.

He Wants a King.

The postoffice inspectors stationed at Louisville are working on a case which they regard as treason, and the arrest of the man suspected may occur at any time. Recently the following advertisement appeared in the Sunday New York Herald: "Wanted—To communicate with persons desiring to form an absolute monarchical party. Address B., box 463, Louisville." The box is now being watched. A local newspaper man answered the advertisement soon after its publication. The response was a cautious one, stating that only two letters of inquiry had then been received. No name was signed. The letter of the inquirer was returned voluntarily, probably to insure safety in case of exposure.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Love and War.

It was almost midnight and he was still nervously talking about the weather.

"I believe I would like the climate of Cuba first rate," she remarked quietly.

"No; too hot and unhealthy," he replied.

"But," she continued, "I can't pick up a paper nowadays without reading of a new engagement or two down there."

After New Year's he will have to pay for the cool and gas they use.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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ROYAL ARCANUM AMENITIES

A FINE ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTED LAST NIGHT.

Chintza, a Musical Comedy, by Members of the Council and Arranged by Mr. Wilcox.

By invitation last night Lowell Council Loyal Arcanum, had as guests members of the grand board, consisting of Grand Regent A. W. Duvid of Lowell, Grand Vice Regent Clark of Andover, Grand Orator A. G. Walsh of Lowell, Grand Secretary Herbert A. Boynton of Newtonville, Grand Treasurer John P. Hayes of Somerville, Grand Guide Franckes Dickinson of Springfield, Grand Warden Daniel R. Bickford of Jamaica Plain, Grand Sentry Wm. A. Baker of Roxbury, John E. McKenney of Waltham, member of committee on laws of the grand council, Past Regent Houghton, and Regent elect Hagan of Lawrence, and the officers of the three local councils, Billerica, Methuen and Andover councils. The above comedy was finely presented by the following cast:

King Ki Ki, Prince Imperial of Bacchanalia, J. S. Jackson
Prince Jag, Member of the Hogans . R. A. Griffiths
Martini, One of the Kempton Degree Staff, E. H. Wirt
Piper Hide-and-Seek, an importation from Lawrence . . . . . F. A. Wilcox
Marguerite, a Rum-antic Damsel, Z. W. Sturtevant
Col. Booze, Commander of the Sons of Rest, Robert Lentham, Jr
Brer. Jackson } Members of the { E. G. Butterfield
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Brer. Rabbit
Duke De Souk, a District Attorney in Disguise, H. E. Webster
New Marguerite, who Yanks the Bun, the Roll, etc . . . . . J. S. Westwood

The extravaganza was arranged by F. A. Wilcox and took the audience by storm. After the musical program the company repaired to the banquet hall where plates were laid for 350. After the disposal of the menu and the lighting of cigars, remarks were made by members of the board: David, Walsh, Clark, Boynton and Regent Maynard of Highland council, orator of Centralville council, and Rev. Father McKenna of Industry council. Regent Bowen may feel proud of the closing entertainment of his year of office.

DEATH FOR GOLD.

Western Miners Are Rushing Into Death Valley, In the Mohave Desert.

Once more gold has been discovered in Death valley in the Mohave desert. Once more the long, arid levels—breathless, treeless and lifeless—will gleam with bones of prospectors and explorers. Once more wagons will stand in the hot, white sands, with shining, rustless tires, until they rack apart and drop to pieces for want of moisture to hold them together.

Take down your map and draw a line from latitude 36 to 37 and longitude 116 to 118 and you will have within the inclosure a block of desert comprising 20,000 square miles.

This vast inclosure is dotted with the white bones of dead men and old yokes of dead oxen and the paraphernalia of ancient emigrant trains. No vulture wheels above in the bald, blue sky; no wolf or coyote howls from the sandy ridges. It is a sepulcher where silence reigns forever. The rush has already commenced, and the flat levels along the Mohave are marked with the deep wheel tracks of daring prospectors. This is because it is winter and in winter the desert is comparatively kind. Let them find gold and let them hang to it as long as their strength lasts. The desert will dream in placid silence until summer comes, and then the prospectors will die like rats in a trap, before they can get over the high, stony ridges that surround Death valley.

The area of the desert is traversed by numerous parallel valleys running from northwest to southeast and bounded by great ranges of treeless hills. The center valley of these is the one that bears the name of Death. It is the hottest on earth and vies in many ways with the bottomless pit. And no wonder. It is from 100 to 500 feet below the level of the sea.

At various times since its discovery individuals have penetrated the arid waste. Once a government expedition passed hurriedly through it, but could not spare time to make explorations for fear of losing their lives.

Springs were found, but they were not sufficient to quench the thirst of a suffering mule. The average midnight heat during summer is said to be close to 110 degrees, much of which is subterranean.

Yet it is to this region and that of the Mohave that the gold fevered miners are hurrying.—New York Herald.

Eyes
Ears and nose are all more or less affected by catarrh. The eyes become inflamed red and watery, with dull, heavy pain between them; there are roaring, buzzing noises in the ears, and sometimes the hearing is affected; the nose is a severe sufferer, with its constant, uncomfortable discharge. All these symptoms may be removed by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Developed Into Catarrh.

"I took a severe cold which developed into catarrh. I concluded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after taking this medicine, I felt better. I have taken a number of bottles and now I am well." ANNA M. BRANFORD, Adelphi, Ohio.

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FROM RICH UNCLE

Alfred Kay of 69 Andrew Street

MAY RECEIVE A LEGACY IN NEAR FUTURE.

The Uncle Now In a New York Hospital.

Alfred Kay, a hard working man residing with his family at 69 Andrews street, is reported by a morning paper to have found a rich uncle in New York who is ill in an hospital and who when he becomes convalescent is to take up his residence in Lowell and share his property with Mr. and Mrs. Kay.

The story while not altogether untrue is exaggerated.

Mr. Kay recently received a telegram from a wealthy uncle in New York whom he had not seen or heard from for four years. The message stated that the uncle was ill and requested Mr. Kay to go to New York to see him. The latter went there Saturday and came back Monday. It seems that the uncle had advertised for him a year ago without success, but his whereabouts were ascertained by meeting a mutual friend from this city.

When the uncle has recovered he is coming here to live with Mr. and Mrs. Kay.

Regarding the statement that the uncle will share his property with his nephew is merely speculation as yet as there are closer relatives.

Co. M. Annual Shoot.

Company M. held its annual shoot at the new range yesterday, and the scores made were not up to the usual standard. The scores were as follows: Capt. A. D. Mitten, 18; Lieut. Joseph Gillow, 17; Sergt. John S. Scott, 17; Priv. William Haigh, 15; Priv. J. B. Dempsey, 15; Corp. Charles Lang, 14; Priv. Ray Eastman, 13; Priv. Henry Carter, 11; Priv. John Sweet, 10; Priv. Arthur Brown, 10; Priv. John Bagley, 10; Sergt. Thomas O'Connor, 10; Priv. Ralph Walker, 9; Priv. John Lund, 9; Priv. Michael Connors, 6; Priv. Harry Whitely, 5; Priv. Leon Sarre, 4; Priv. John Kearns, 2; Priv. Poole, 0; Priv. Laporte, 0; John Sarre, 0; Priv. Bennett, 0.

In the evening the militiamen and their guests assembled in the St. Charles hotel where a good spread was served. Capt. Mitten presided over the postprandial exercises and the speakers were: Alderman-elect Eastman, Armorer Carr, James Gregg, W. H. I. Hayes, Lieut. Gillow, Sergeant Scott, Privates Haigh and Dempsey.

MRS. M'KINLEY.

Some of the Dresses She Will Wear at the White House.

All reports that the lady of the White House for the next four years will absent herself from all public receptions and large social functions have been denied by Mr. McKinley himself.

Notwithstanding the statements that Mrs. McKinley had for many years been in feeble health and was in nowise equal to the performance of the arduous social tasks which must fall to the lot of the mistress of the White House, the manner in which she bore the trying ordeal of the campaign, with its many receptions and interminable handshakings, is eloquent of a vast amount of reserve strength. The endurance shown where many women have fallen gives guarantee that she will be in fact, as well as in name, mistress of the White House and will administer its social offices herself.

To do this, Mrs. McKinley will need toilets galore. Stately functions require stately surroundings, and there is no support so satisfying to a woman as the consciousness of being well gowned, and in this trifle—which is not such a trifle, after all—as well as in things of greater moment, the sweet faced, gentle mannered woman will not be found wanting.

Heavy brocades and rich satins, fashioned into magnificent reception gowns by the expert fingers of Chicago modistes, will before many months enhance the gentle dignity and stately beauty of the woman who will reign over the White House and its attendant retinue of political and social diplomats.

Just how many reception, dinner, evening, carriage, shopping, walking and morning gowns will comprise the outfit of the wife of President McKinley it is not easy to surmise, but they, even to the inauguration robe itself, will, according to the decree of the typical American woman who will wear them, bear the mark of a Chicago modiste—that is, if well defined rumors speak the truth.—Chicago Tribune.

To Prevent More Suicides.

Representative George W. Ray of New York is proprietor of the latest idea to prevent the multiplication of suicides. It is embodied in a bill which has been introduced in the house and referred to the committee on judiciary. It forbids the circulation through the mails of any newspaper which contains any picture of a suicide or any details relating thereto beyond the simple statement of death by suicide, giving name, date and place. The bill allows medical journals to publish "further particulars in the interest of science," or any judicial officer of the town or county in which the matter is being investigated may order such particulars to be published as shall serve the ends of justice. The punishment provided is a fine of not less than $25 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days. The bill names a certain New York weekly as apparently a conspicuous offender.—Washington Post

As to All Around Ability.

The fiction that members of either house of congress are men of unusual abilities or information or qualifications is the merest nonsense. Make an average draft of the attorneys present any day of the year in the courtrooms of New York city, and you would secure a slightly higher order of all round ability and character than an average house of representatives or an average senate. Why should such an outfit be paid $7,500 a year apiece?—New York Sun.

Uncle Sam's Sinking Fund.

A naval expert puts it pat. He says: "The Texas is moribund. She cost $4,000,000 flat. How's that for a sinking fund?"—Chicago Times-Herald.

THOS CAROLIN'S FUNERAL

FROM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH.

Large Number of Friends and Relatives Attend the Obsequies.

The funeral of Thomas Carolin, one of Lowell's oldest residents, took place this morning from the family residence on Fairmount street. The service over the remains was held in the Immaculate Conception church and the congregation was a large and representative one. People of all classes were present the older residents of the city being very largely represented.

The pew in the broad aisle so long occupied by the deceased and his family was draped in black satin ribbon and over the end of the seat was a wreath of holly. During the service the black broadcloth covered casket rested on a catafalque in the center aisle.

Solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joyce, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Fr. Lee of Jefferson, deacon, and Rev. Fr. McManus, sub-deacon. Rev. John J. Dacey, O.M.I., was master of ceremonies. The choir included the leading singers of the Catholic choirs in the city. Prof. P. P. Haggerty directed and Mrs. Haggerty was organist.

Among those present at the service were Mayor and Mrs. Courtney, ex-Mayor Palmer, Daniel A. Swan, Dr. Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Dempsey, James Bayles, Mrs. John Lennon and Miss Lennon; Philip J. Farley, Esq., and wife, Patrick Dempsey and Miss Dempsey, Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Harrington.

The mourners and friends were escorted to seats by the following ushers: Charles H. Cosgrove, Esq., chief, Dr. Charles L. Fox, Librarian Frederick Chase and Dr. George A. Leahey. Schmidt's requiem mass was sung by the choir. At the offertory, Miss Finn rendered Leybach's "Pie Jesu." T. F. Molloy sang the beautiful hymn, "I Love to Hear My Savior's Voice," at the end of the service, and this was followed by "Rest, Spirit, Rest" by Miss Mabel Ware. The solos in the Libera were sustained by Prof. Haggerty.

The honorary pall bearers were Hon. John J. Donovan, Lawrence J. Smith, John Riley, Charles M. Williams, Jeremiah Crowley, and Michael Corbett.

Six tenants of the deceased bore the remains from the house to the church. They were James Riley, James Egan, Michael Burns, Edward Tracey, Peter Finnerty and Sullivan Curtin.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of T. P. Hall. The remains were interred in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery.

TO ABOLISH HANGING.

Bill to Be Introduced In Pennsylvania Legislature to Asphyxiate Murderers.

The movement that has been on foot in Pennsylvania to change the method of capital punishment in that state has reached the point at which action is to be taken. At the next session of the legislature a bill is to be introduced to abolish hanging and providing that the death penalty shall be inflicted by asphyxiation.

Nearly two years ago the question was brought up, and it has been under discussion ever since by medical and other societies throughout the state. A committee was appointed by the Alleghany Medical society to thoroughly investigate the different methods of execution.

That committee has been at work for over a year and a half. The result of its labors is to be submitted to the medical society at its coming meeting. The matter will then be laid before the State Medical society for approval and a bill prepared providing for the radical change in the system of administering capital punishment.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Nansen's Polar Trip Profitable.

Some revelations concerning the profits of Dr. Nansen's last trip in the direction of the north pole show that polar exploration is worth while. In the course of a case in the English law courts it was learned that for three articles which appeared in The Daily Chronicle he received $20,000. For his book, in which he will tell the full story of the voyage of the Fram, he is to receive $50,000.—Chicago Tribune.

Washington Letters Sold.

Thirteen letters written by George Washington to Arthur Young, the economist, on agricultural matters in the United States from 1786 to 1794, were sold in one lot for $2,350 in London recently.

TURNED AROUND.
It used to be the other end of the town for the nice, exclusive things in Clothing and Furnishings, but now it's "Fashion Corner," said a man whose attention was attracted by the elegant window display at the Merrimack Clothing Co. Today we have some Christmas suggestions to offer in the shape of

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AN ELECTION BET

Lieut. McNulty Risked Supper and Won.

LOWELL AND NASHUA JOIN HANDS AT BANQUET.

Speeches on Politics and Other Matters.

A very pleasant event arising from Mayor Courtney's victory took place at the St. Lawrence hotel last evening in the form of a banquet at which Lowell and Nashua united.

It was a supper in payment of an election bet made by Joseph Salvail of Nashua, N. H., that Col. Bennett would be elected Mayor of Lowell.

Lieut. McNulty, clerk of the St. Lawrence hotel, took the bet and last night it was paid in the most generous and cordial manner.

The affair, unimportant though it was, brought together a little party of prominent men chief of which were the following:

From Nashua—Charles R. Crenkrite, St. James hotel; Joseph Salvail, Nazaire Salvail, G. O. Roy, druggist; F. A. Brunelle, Rep. H. Ledoux, Rep. Joseph Garvey, Charles Dudley, assessor; Edward Farmer, Alderman-Elect Ingham, Alderman-Elect John B. Maguire, C. M. Salvail, Councilman J. A. Landry, Dave Dallaire, Dr. B. H. Everett, chairman democratic committee; J. E. Perkins, N. Cummings, Edmund Cote, M. Bellale, Abram Farryall, Fred Richard, D. B. Leratt.

Among those from Lowell were Henry S. Courtney, John J. Curtin, William F. Curtin, Mr. Brady, John F. Curtis, Lieut. Philip McNulty, J. Henry Collins, Edward Gallegher, Aime Gauthier, Clovis Belanger, Col. Carmichael, Mr. Roy, S. Renaud, Jr. Philip Desmarais, Dr. Gagnon, C. H. Chagnon, E. M. Hill and a few others.

LIEUT. PHILIP McNULTY,
St. Lawrence Hotel.

Mr. Ledoux of Nashua was toastmaster, and after the bountiful spread had been discussed at length, speech making was begun.

The toastmaster opened by expressing his delight that such a gathering of prominent men from both cities had come together. He hoped it would inaugurate a more friendly feeling if not a union between both cities.

Henry S. Courtney was called upon. He regretted the inability of the mayor to be present. He was glad to meet Nashua men. He appreciated the fact that the French vote had much to do with his brother's victory. He hoped it was but an indication of a movement which would bring the French people over where they they belonged with the democratic party.

Wm. F. Curtin said that an analysis of the vote for mayor showed that the French voted pretty solidly for Courtney.

Col. Carmichael made a pointed speech on the significance of the occasion.

Dr. Everett, the chairman of the city committee of Nashua, made a comical speech stating that the Nashua men were glad they lost the bet and that a good democrat was elected mayor. He referred to the efforts by which a democratic mayor was elected in Nashua and it could be inferred that he was no small factor in the case.

The other speakers were Thomas E. Ingham, Dr. Gagnon, Philip Desmarais, Mr. Chagnon, Assessor Dudley of Nashua, J. H. Collins, Lieut. McNulty and Mr. Salvail, who furnished the supper.

One of the speakers stated that the French people hold the balance of power, politically speaking, in Lowell, and if they used it aright they could dictate to the other two parties. He also proposed the annexation of Nashua in order to perfect the union and to complete the greater Lowell.

Lieut. McNulty took the bet at a time when it was rumored about the city that Col. Bennett would surely be elected. He is the gentleman who has been prominent in the military wrangle with Capt. Mitten. He is one of the most popular military men in the city.

Whist Party.

The Nonpareil whist club met at the residence of T. J. Kennedy, corner of Bowers and Fletcher streets, last evening. There were four tables. The games were started 8 o'clock and at 10 p. m. the party was summoned to the dining room where Mrs. Kennedy had prepared a dainty spread.

Music and singing followed and then the prizes were awarded to Edward Teague and Miss Alice Doherty for having the largest score, thus closing another pleasant evening for the Nonpareils.

Mrs. Louise Alexander is recovering from her attack of typhoid fever.

Howard S. Adams of Bartlett & Davis establishment is confined to his home in Chelmsford, by illness.

There is nothing that would make a more acceptable Christmas present for a young lady than one of those nobby coats, such as Chris. Holmes is offering to the holiday trade. He is also making a Christmas present this week to every purchaser of $7 worth. His ad. tells all about it.

THE GREAT WATER POWER

OF THE MERRIMACK RIVER AT MITCHELL'S FALLS.

To be Utilized for Industrial Purposes—Bill to be presented to the Legislature by E. Moody Boynton Representing a Company.

The Lawrence Sun has the following concerning a subject of great importance to residents of the Merrimack valley:

An unusual amount of interest is being displayed here in Lawrence in the petition which has been prepared and will be presented to the legislature by E. Moody Boynton, asking for the right to construct a system of canals locks, and dams at Mitchell's Falls, in the Merrimack. He proposes to organize a company for the building of the system, to be known as the Pentucket navigation and power company. Since the river at that point was dredged by the government, a decade ago, there has been much talk regarding the formation of a company to utilize power generated by the falls but this is the first time that any concerted action has been taken relative to the project. The details of the enterprise have not as yet been given out, but it is claimed that sufficient capital is behind the deal to insure its success. The petition is a sweeping one, and asks for the right to construct dams, locks, canals and such other structures as may be deemed necessary to improve and preserve the water power of the Merrimack river at or near Mitchell's falls and along the Merrimack river, in and between the city of Lawrence and the water front of Haverhill, with the power to improve the navigation of said river, to build and use vessels for navigation, and to use and vend to others the use of said canal and water power to be derived from said falls, for any lawful purposes.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

The attraction at Music hall for the first three nights next week and Wednesday matinee is that of the popular home favorites "The Nosa Jollity Co." in a farce comedy entitled "The Kodak."

The entertainment, as is usual with this organization, will be given on the popular idea for brain and muscle workers, that is, simply, pure, clean comedy, bright and interesting music, interpreted by a company capable of adding novel, new and original specialties. "The Kodak" a new play which was written for this company, is a wonder, being full of life and fun from start to finish. Mr. Ferd Noss as a manager is certainly very successful in his productions, no doubt due a great deal to his careful selection, being in constant communication with New York agents, and knowing exactly what he wants. An admirable list of players has been engaged for this season. The stage settings, costumes and scenic effects will be appropriate and up to the usual high standing. A continued ripple of merriment is sure to be heard in the audience, testifying to its enjoyment.

Savoy Theatre Souvenirs.

Tonight every lady in the audience at our popular Savoy theatre will receive an autograph photograph of Mrs. Georgie Dickson, the versatile and talented character actress of the Savoy company. Mrs. Dickson has done some very clever and finished work in the different characters she has essayed.

She understands herself thoroughly and is considered as good a character artist as there is in the business, she having been with some of the very best of companies, both stock and travelling, and Lowellites are to be congratulated on the fact that Mr. Weston was enabled to secure her services. She is to be seen this evening as the cold and haughty "Marquise," in the great comedy of "Caste," and it needs but to be said that she is seen at her best in this part.

Mr. Weston played the leading role last evening for the first time this week, his sudden attack of illness on Monday evening preventing his appearance before. He was very successful in the part and his appearance was welcomed in an enthusiastic manner by the large audience present. He will appear in the same role tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening only.

The different members of the company have their characters to perfection and a very smooth and charming performance is given.

The comedy is one which holds the close attention of the audience from start to finish, and is sparkling with good points, and should be seen by all lovers of good plays well given.

Mayor Quincy's Opinion.

Mayor Quincy frankly writes to the Chicago Times-Herald that lack of management or bad management contributed not a little to the defeat of Mr. Bryan, while the skill with which the republican campaign was managed from the start and the thorough and efficient work of the party organization were large factors in bringing about the result. All the same he thinks the figures indicate that the campaign could have had only one result in any case.

Mayor Quincy omits to mention the vast amount of money spent by republicans and the defection of gold democrats, like himself.

Advocates Free Land.

Governor Elect Rogers of Washington has issued a copyrighted pamphlet containing about 2,000 words and entitled "Free Land." A copy has been sent to the members of the legislature. He takes the position that free land is an "inalienable, imprescriptible and indestructible" right of man. His position is supported by quotations from Emerson, Ingersoll and Seneca. In conclusion he proposes an amendment to the state constitution providing that real estate and all usual improvements, to a value not to exceed $2,500, occupied as a homestead by any private family, the holder of which is a citizen of the United States and Washington state, shall be forever exempted from all taxation of every kind.

Proctor as Administration Leader.

It is said that Proctor of Vermont will be the administration leader in the senate when McKinley comes into his own. The marble handed senator is declared to be closer to the next president than anybody else except Mark Hanna. The most conspicuous thing in the McKinley dining room at Canton is a group picture of Proctor and his family, which hangs over the mantle. Ever since the fateful day of the Vermont convention, which declared a preference for the Ohio candidate, Proctor has been edging closer and closer to the throne.—Washington Post.

In preparing for the holidays, articles for ladies' use were thought of, as well as men's.

EVENING DRESS PROTECTORS
Beautiful white silk brocade, lined with white satin, exquisite creations, $3.00.

SILK And Gloria Umbrellas, close roll, $1.50 to $5.00.

WATCHES—Gold plated, open and hunting cases, and steel chatelaines, stem winders, $2.95 to $5.95.

MEN'S DRESS SUIT CASES—Solid sole leather, steel frame, 22, 24 and 26 inch, at $4.75, $5.00 and $5.50.

PUTNAM & SON,
166 Central Street.

NEW ENGLAND NOTES.

Isaac F. Sawyer, a lawyer, was arraigned for murder at Boston.

The schooner Ulrica, which went ashore on Nantasket Beach, is a total loss.

Edward P. Hickman was arrested at Boston, charged with selling oleomargarine.

More than $100,000 was spent last year by Cambridge, Mass., for its police department.

Citizens of Marblehead, Mass., presented a set of colors to the cruiser of that name.

The case of James P. Merritt et al. against Bowdoin college will go to the supreme court.

Henry Sproul of Bristol, Me., was drowned near Thread of Life ledges, while boarding a sailboat.

Omer Labonte, aged 11 years, was drowned in the river at Saco, Me., yesterday afternoon while walking on the ice.

The management of the Bath (Me.) polo team has signed Ed Mooney, center, and Cashman, goal, both Massachusetts men.

The Frank T. Fowler Manufacturing company was organized at Keene, N. H., yesterday. The firm manufactures bicycles.

Mrs. Abbott Young fell down stairs at her home at Hampton, N. H., and sustained serious injuries. She will probably die.

The striking fliers at the Pope Bicycle Manufacturing company were endorsed yesterday by the Central Labor union of Hartford.

Henry Hobel, a well-known poultry dealer, was the victim of a daring attempt at robbery at his home in Northville, Mass.

Boston university has withdrawn from the New England Intercollegiate Debating league, and will not debate with Bates college.

George S. Kingsbury, 65 years of age, committed suicide yesterday at Boston by shooting himself through the right temple. Mr. Kingsbury was a native of Keene, N. H.

No Comparison.

No printing establishment in this city compares with The Sun Job Print in its mechanical equipment and the excellence of its work. Did you ever try it?

A Handsome Complexion is one of the greatest charms a woman can possess. POZZONI'S COMPLEXION POWDER gives it.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Following its usual custom and to accommodate its patrons and the merchants of Lowell, the Traders' National bank will open Thursday evening, before Christmas, from 7.30 to 9.30 o'clock to make change and payments and to receive deposits. Banking rooms, cor. Middlesex street and Post Office avenue.

$20 A very good Square Piano for beginners. Call now. GEORGE A. CARDNER, 20 Prescott St.

MILL KINDLING IS DEAR when you buy of a dealer who sends his team out with a false bottom. We will give you $5 for every load you find leaving our yard fixed that way. Our load is the big load. WM. COGGER, 23 Concord street.

REMEMBER
When you are giving Holiday Gifts, that you wish to give articles that will prove to your friends good values and not have face value alone. Goods sold by us are as represented in every particular.
NIBLOCKS

LOST.—A sum of money. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning to Carrier 1, Lowell post office.

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A STUDY IN CITY ELECTION FIGURES.

The figures of the last city election furnish some noticeable features which may assist the politicians next year in arriving at correct estimates as to party strength. At the outset the question arises, how can you find the closest approximate vote of each party? Some say by averaging the aldermanic vote of each party, others by averaging the councilmanic vote of each.

Our own opinion is, that an average of the aldermanic vote on each ticket would not give the relative party vote with any great approach to accuracy.

The average republican vote was 6657, the average democratic vote 6317, which gives a republican majority of 360.

The tendency to cut the aldermanic ticket among the democrats, due to various causes, goes to prove that the republican majority is greater than 360.

The vote received by either candidate for mayor was misleading. Mayor Courtney polled much more than the strength of his own party, Col. Bennett consequently less than his party vote.

It might be supposed that Mr. Barnard, the candidate for purchasing agent, received the full republican vote and very little if any over that vote. It will be interesting, therefore, to make a comparison of the mayoralty vote, together with that for purchasing agent and the average councilmanic vote for each party in the different wards and throughout the city as follows:

	Rep.	Dem.
Ward 1—Mayor	734	615
Purchasing agent	164	566
Councilmanic average	705	521
Ward 2—Mayor	928	1023
Purchasing agent	196	941
Councilmanic average	272	1030
Ward 3—Mayor	1067	649
Purchasing agent	1030	421
Councilmanic average	1130	387
Ward 4—Mayor	595	1138
Purchasing agent	415	1042
Councilmanic average	540	1129
Ward 5—Mayor	415	974
Purchasing agent	397	998
Councilmanic average	392	994
Ward 6—Mayor	761	765
Purchasing agent	863	605
Councilmanic average	892	611
Ward 7—Mayor	801	727
Purchasing agent	875	575
Councilmanic average	950	606
Ward 8—Mayor	1155	426
Purchasing agent	1205	339
Councilmanic average	1269	390
Ward 9—Mayor	753	722
Purchasing agent	838	574
Councilmanic average	830	637
Average Councilmanic Vote by Wards.		
	Rep.	Dem.
Ward 1	715	521
2	372	1030
3	1137	387
4	540	1129
5	392	994
6	892	611
7	950	606
8	1269	390
9	830	637
Totals	6916	6145

The republican average councilmanic vote, therefore, is 6916; the democratic average, 6145 showing a republican majority of 771.

Mr. Barnard received 6732, Mr. Foye 5912. Barnard's majority, 820 or 75 votes over the republican aldermanic average while Mr. Foye's vote was 405 below the average for democratic aldermen. Barnard ran ahead of his ticket, Mr. Foye ran behind his ticket.

The average democratic vote for aldermen exceeds the average for the councilmen in all wards by 172 votes which is probably due to the carelessness of democrats in strongly republican wards where there is no chance for election. But to average these averages for the two parties' we get the republican vote, 6787; the democratic, 6231; republican majority 556.

Taking this as the republican majority in the city it would appear that Mayor Courtney received 742 votes over the democratic average of 6231.

But if the blanks be reckoned it would be safe to say that the party strength would be fairly represented at 7971 republican, 7205 democratic, the total vote being 15,176.

Republicans elected seven of the twelve aldermen in Boston. The democratic majority has a minority representation, all they deserve, considering their disloyalty to party. The police commission will eventually keep Boston continually under republican rule.

We propose as a committee of arbitration to settle all disputes between the Mail and the Courier, Rev. Hugh Montgomery, Rev. W. W. Jackson and Farmer Daniels of Tewksbury.

The farmers of New England are making an effort to promote the work of opening up the deserted farms. When manufacturing fails agriculture is the chief substitute.

Secretary Smith of the board of trade, read an essay on municipal government at the meeting Tuesday night. He is attaining prominence as a municipal inquisitor.

Philip J. Farley, Esq., has been again appointed trustee of the public library. He deserved a reappointment and no better choice could be made.

The A.P.A. is dead in Chelsea and alive nowhere else that we know of in this state.

As Submitted by U. S. Senator Lodge.

THE INHABITANTS OF CUBA ARE EXEMPTED.

All Immigrants Must Read and Write.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate yesterday passed the immigration bill, known as the Lodge bill, with a new section, providing that the exclusion shall not apply to persons arriving from Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there. The strength of the bill was greater than had been expected, the final vote being 52 to 10. As passed, the bill amends the immigration laws so as to exclude from admission to the United States all persons over 16 years of age who cannot read and write the language of their native country, or some other language, but an admissible immigrant over the age of 16 years may bring in with him, or send for, his wife or parent, or grand parent, or minor child or grandchild, notwithstanding their inability to read or write.

For the purpose of testing the ability of the immigrant to read and write, as required by the foregoing section, the inspection officers shall be furnished copies of the constitution of the United States, printed in numbered, uniform pasteboard slips, each containing five lines of the constitution printed in the various languages of the immigrants in double small pica type. These slips shall be kept in boxes made for that purpose, and so constructed as to conceal the slips from view, each box to contain slips of but one language, and the immigrant may designate the language in which he prefers the test shall be made. Each immigrant shall be required to draw one of these slips from the box and read, and afterward write out, in full view of the immigration officers, the five lines printed thereon. The slip shall be returned to the box immediately after the test is finished, and the contents of the box shall be taken up by an inspection officer before another decision is made. No immigrant failing to read and write out the slip thus drawn by him shall be admitted, but he shall be returned to the country from whence he came, at the expense of the steamship or railroad company which brought him, as now provided by law. The inspection officers shall keep in each box at all times a full number of these printed pasteboard slips, and in the case of each excluded immigrant shall keep a certified memorandum o. the number of the slip which the immigrant failed to read or copy in writing.

The Cuban section added to the bill provides that the act shall not apply to persons arriving in the United States from any part or place in the Island of Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there; provided that such persons have heretofore been inhabitants of that Island.

An amendment of Mr. Elkins, proposing a $10 head tax on immigrants coming in other than by American ships, occasioned considerable debate, and was finally tabled, as were several other amendments. The immigrant measure now goes into conference, as the bill passed yesterday is a substitute for the Corliss-McCall bill passed by the house.

The house yesterday passed the third of the regular appropriation bills (that for the support of the army), and entered upon the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial bill. The latter bill carries $21,609,369 or $36,269 more than the law for the current year. Fair progress was made yesterday. It is expected that this bill and the military academy appropriation bill will be passed before the holiday recess. The army bill, as passed, makes no provision for the army and navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

The house also passed several bills relating to the District of Columbia, and three resolutions for the use of flags of the war department, government reservations, etc., on the occasion of Mr. McKinley's inauguration.

Fire at Berlin.

Berlin, N. H., Dec. 18.—Part of the plant of the Glen Manufacturing company was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The burned property was known as stockhouse C, and was filled with paper, pulp and supplies. The building burned quickly, and for a time adjoining property was threatened. It is thought that the fire was set by tramps, although there is another theory that it was caused by spontaneous combustion. The loss is estimated at $3000, and is covered by insurance.

Bayard Presents School Prizes.

Bristol, Dec. 18.—The chamber of commerce of Bristol gave a luncheon yesterday in the hall of the grammar school, at which the mayor, high sheriff and the master of the Merchants'-Venturers' technical college and about 200 British notabilities were present. The United States ambassador, Thomas F. Bayard, who had been invited to present the prizes to the students, met with an enthusiastic reception.

Devouring Flames at Cambridge.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 18.—A fire which did $20,000 in damage broke out in the four-story building occupied by the furniture firm of Rourke & Kennedy and the laundry of Earle & Rogers, in the heart of the city, last night. The building was gutted, and adjoining property was threatened for a long time. The firms suffer $5000 loss, and Dr. George R. Southwick of Boston $15,000 loss on the building. All are insured.

Killed by a Falling Shed.

Boston, Dec. 18.—A coal shed on the wharf of Chapin, Wood & Co., Atlantic avenue, this city, collapsed at 2 o'clock yesterday. J. N. Haskins was killed, and James McDowell, John Carle and Joseph McDonald were injured.

A Mill Hand Killed.

Berlin, N. H., Dec. 18.—Eli King, an employe of the Berlin mills, was killed yesterday afternoon by the breaking of a rope on the "log haul," the block used in pulling up logs striking him on the head. He leaves a widow and three children.

HOOD'S Sarsaparilla has over and over again proved by its cures, when all other preparations failed, that it is the One True BLOOD Purifier.

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Counsellor at Law and Notary Public

A fearful typhus epidemic is raging at Pola, Austria.

Secretary Carlisle's report will be ready Saturday.

United Mine Workers will meet at Columbus, O., Jan. 12.

The working force at Brooklyn navy yard is to be reduced.

Dr. Adolph Deucher has been elected President of Switzerland.

The Casino at Schenley park, Oakland, Pa., burned; loss, $540,000.

The world's wheat crop is reported to be short 200,000,000 bushels.

The Bavarian Star brewery of New York city has been placed in receivers hands.

The National Wool Growers' association at Washington has adjourned to Jan. 4.

Citizens of Marblehead, Mass., presented a set of colors to the cruiser of that name.

Henry Watterson, the Louisville editor, says the task of the east is to reconcile capital with labor.

Volunteer companies from different parts of the country continue to offer their services to Cuba.

Quigley & Mullen, wholesale grocers at Wilmington, Del., failed. Judgments entered amount to $710,000.

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M. A. De Boucando, commercial manager in Paris of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique (French steamship company), is dead.

The number of immigrants arriving in Canada for the past year was 21,341. Of this number, 7214 were destined for United States points.

George S. Kingsbury, 65 years of age, committed suicide yesterday at Boston by shooting himself through the right temple. Mr. Kingsbury was a native of Keene, N. H.

Signor Chiarada, a member of the Italian chamber of deputies, has been chosen as a delegate to the International Postal congress, which meets at Washington next year.

Postmaster F. F. Hetsch of Newport, Ky., was missing from his office yesterday, and his place was taken by his brothers, who are his bondsmen. His accounts are $6000 short.

A freight train on the Fitchburg railroad was wrecked between Keene and East Westmoreland, N. H., yesterday. Fred Mercier and John Tire, two workmen, were severely injured.

Carlo Magno, the Italian, who killed Charles W. Prescott at Somerville, Mass., was arraigned. He pleaded not guilty. The prisoner's appearance indicated that he had been handled roughly.

The presidential inauguration committee at Washington has already begun to receive applications from civil and military organizations in different parts of the country for places in the great parade.

Judge McIntyre, in Middlesex probate court, Cambridge, granted a petition of the children of Horatio G. Parker, the well-known Cambridge lawyer, to have a guardian appointed for their father. Parker is non compos mentis.

Mrs. Martha McGill and her 16-year-old daughter, Esther, were killed while crossing a railroad trestle at Crawfordville, Ind. They were within 10 feet of the bank when Miss Esther slipped and fell between the ties. Mrs. McGill lost her life in trying to save her daughter.

John M. Hammond, a farmer, and formerly general superintendent of the freight department of the Erie at Buffalo, was instantly killed in front of the Lake Shore station yesterday at Northeast, Pa., by attempting to crawl under a standing train, which suddenly started up and caught him under the wheels.

The Pond will case is again agitating the citizens of Hartford. The city is beneficiary under the will, to the exclusion of the testator's son. The city council recently passed a secret resolution to compromise with young Pond for $25,000. Mayor Preston signed the compromise. Citizens will enjoin the mayor and council paying the $25,000.

Governor Wolcott of Massachusetts has refused to honor the requisition papers requesting the surrender to the New York authorities of Mrs. Annie Dupont of Boston, who was recently arrested as an alleged fugitive from justice, after she had been convicted of stealing 10 cents from a dry goods firm. The New York charge is that of embezzlement from the firm of R. H. Macy & Co.

ROBBED IN BOSTON.

Impossible to Obtain Proof of His Death—Weyler Worried.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Mayer Herzog, 21 years old, of 54 East Ninety-third street, New York, lost or had stolen last night a pocketbook containing $15,000 in loose diamonds, while on his way from Hanover street to the Park theater. Herzog has been in the city for the past day or two as the representative of his father, Abraham S. Herzog of New York, and during his stay in this city has made his headquarters at the Adams House.

He claims to have made visits to a number of jewelry stores about the city yesterday, and about 6 o'clock last night started back toward the hotel. He is quite positive that on leaving Hanover street he had the diamonds in his pocketbook, and both secure in his inside pocket. Stopping once or twice on his way up Washington street, he arrived at the hotel about 7 o'clock, and after dining, went to the Park theater with some personal friends. It was here, about 10 o'clock, that he discovered that his pocketbook and the diamonds were missing, and although a careful search was made in the theater, no trace of them could be found. The police were at once notified.

Herzog is unable to say whether he left the diamonds in some store, or had them stolen from his pocket. As he is a man of careful habits, it seems probable that they were stolen.

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A bust of Mrs. Mary D. Converse, wife of Hon. E. S. Converse, was unveiled in the Baptist church at Malden, Mass. The bust, which is by Samuel J. Kitson, is a gift to the Converse library by the ladies of the city.

BER OVER 50,000.

The Christian World Considering What Will Be Done With Them.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The full extent of the Armenian massacres is indicated in a report to the state department by United States Consul Bergholz, at Erzeroum, wherein he says:

The number of Armenian children under 12 years of age made orphans by the massacres of 1895 is 50,000, according to the estimates of the missionaries. The question of what shal be done with these orphans is receiving the attention of the Christian world. The American board of commissioners is giving the matter serious thought. It has formulated no general plan of relief, although the question of creating orphanages, clothing factories and industrial institutions, is under consideration. German charitable or religious societies are preparing to establish industrial orphan asylums at Oorpha, Cesarea and elsewhere, and the Kaiserswerth deaconnesses of Germany have made provision for receiving Armenian orphans at Smyrna, and 30 have been sent there from here. The British government, or its ambassador at Constantinople, has initiated a movement leading toward settling a number of widows and their children on the Island of Cyprus, more particularly, at present at least, those within the province of Erzeroum, which number in the cities of Erzeroum, Erzingan and Bailbourt, 2049, who are without means and are recipients of relief. In Erzeroum there are 160 widows and 700 children.; in Erzingan 100 widows with 450 children, and at Bailbourt 119 widows with 500 children. The widows of Bailbourt are in particularly distressing circumstances, not a male adult remaining. No active steps as yet have been taken to carry out this philanthropic movement beyond requesting the relief committee of the province to ascertain if the widows are willing to leave. I think the offer will be gladly accepted.

CORBETT AND FITZ

Will Sign Articles For a Fight For $15,000.

New York, Dec. 18.—Dan A. Stuart of Dallas, James J. Corbett, the pugilist, and a large crowd of New York sporting men met yesterday afternoon in Jersey City, where it was announced that Corbett would sign articles to fight Bob Fitzsimmons for the world's championship. Not much time was lost in getting down to business. No representative of Fitzsimmons was present, but Stuart said he is familiar with the articles, and that he will sign them without delay. Corbett signed the articles, which call for a finish fight for a purse of $15,000, the winner to take all. As a guarantee that Fitzsimmons and Corbett will both be at the ring side on the day of the contest, each must post $2500, either with Richard K. Fox or Al Smith. This is to go to Stuart in case either fails to appear. Stuart agrees to post $5000 that he will pull off the fight, which is to be equally divided between the two men if he does not pull off the fight on the date named. He will also put $10,000 in the hands of either Fox or Smith 30 days before the date set for the contest, and if the fight does not come off through his failure, he will forfeit this money—$5000 going to Fitzsimmons and $5000 to Corbett. George Siler of Chicago is named as referee of the contest. The fight is set for March 17, 1897. The place will be named on Feb. 17. Fitzsimmons said at San Francisco last night he would sign as soon as the articles reach him.

KILLED BY FALL

From a Scaffold in Needham, Mass.

Needham, Mass., Dec. 18.—Seaumont Dyson, a policeman of this town, fell from a staging of a building in course of erection yesterday afternoon, and was fatally injured. Dyson weighed over 200 pounds, and the fall caused a fracture of the vertabrae and paralysis. He is still alive, but very low.

BOSTON MAN KILLED

By Collapse of a Coal Shed.

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 18.—While the Missouri, Kansas and Texas flyer was approaching Sedalia yesterday morning, three men boarded the train further up the road, and commenced to rob the passengers in the chair car. The three escaped with a small amount of jewelry.

Final Session of Connecticut Farmers.

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 18.—The Connecticut farmers' convention, which, in connection with the state board of agriculture, has been in session here for the past two days, held its final session last night.

A LOCAL VETERAN

Talks of War and a Legacy That Was Left Him for His Share in it.

Like every city in our republic, Lowell has its share of veterans who in spite of pensions are paying daily for the privilege that they had enduring exposure hardships, toil, sickness and risk of death for the glory of their country in the "late unpleasantness." If the testimonials received from old soldiers who endorse all the claims made for Doan's Kidney Pills, and these same are now disappearing in the localities where they were unearthed, were published in Lowell they would fill every column of every newspaper in Lowell. There would be nothing gained by their publication for neither quantity or quality of foreign testimony can touch evidence. Read what Veteran Frank Leseweetz of 150 Dummer street says: "I served during the war in the New York Light Artillery and ever since I have had attacks of kidney trouble growing worse as the years went by. Weakness and pain in the back, sleepless nights and urinary troubles set in, and in spite of medicine I grew worse in place of better.

I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Ellingwood & Co's, Merrimack and Central streets, and had taken but a few when I felt much better, and today I am free from the backache, and the unnatural discharge of the kidney section has ceased. I am not in any way inconvenienced now and I give Doan's Kidney Pills the credit. You may use my name and say without hesitation I recommend them to all who have any kidney disease."

Doan's Kidney Pills are for sale by all dealers—price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster, Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's and take no other.

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DR. KELLEY, SURGEON DENTIST, 9 CENTRAL ST. Opposite the Washington House

DR. WALKER DENTIST Exchange

How to Make Candied Lemon Peel.

As lemons are used, drop the yellow rind into a weak brine in a glass jar. When a dozen are thus pickled, they are freshened by putting them into cold water and letting them scald, changing the water once or twice to extract the salt. Boil them in the last water till they are thoroughly tender and drain; then make sirup enough to cover them out of slightly more than a pound of sugar and a pint of water, using always the same proportion of pint for pound. Cut the peel into pieces about half an inch square and drop them into the boiling sirup, which is allowed to cook slowly till the peel looks translucent; then keep them slowly steeping till the sirup has almost dried out of the peel, spread on plates, sprinkle with more sugar and put in a cool oven to complete the drying.

How to Prevent the Burning of Viands In the Oven.

Keep a small pan of water in the oven, refilling as often as necessary. If the oven is very hot, fill with cold instead of hot water.

BRAVE SPIRITS BROKEN.

How often women wake up in the morning cheerful and happy, determined to do so much before the day ends, and yet:—

Before the morning is very old, the dreadful BACKACHE appears, the brave spirit sinks back in affright; no matter how hard she struggles, the "clutch" is upon her, she falls upon the couch, crying:—"Why should I suffer so? What can I do?"

Lydia E. Pinkham's "Vegetable Compound" will stop the torture and restore courage. All such pains come from a deranged uterus. Trouble in the womb blots out the light of the sun at midday to a vast number of women.

Be advised—do as many others have done and are doing—procure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and commence without delay to realize the relief it is sure to bring you.

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Children's Garments from 4 years to 14, at January prices, $1.49.
Misses' Garments, from 4 years to 14, at January prices, 98c.
Ladies' Jackets, latest style, 32 to 40, January prices, $2.98.
Ladies' Jackets, lined through, 32 to 42, at January prices, $4.75.
Ladies' Jackets, Boucle or Beaver, (stunning) at January prices, $6.75.
Feather Boas, 49c. Thibet Boas, best quality, $2.25. Fur Collars, 98c., with tail trimming, $1.49, upwards.
Astrachan Fur Collerettes, $3.98. Krimmer $6.75. Real Marten, $9.50. Real Seal, $13.50.
Silk Waists, $2.25. Nobby Waists, $3.98. Fancy Waists, $4.75. Handsome Waists, $6. Women Plaid Waists, 98c. Black and White Check, $1.25. All Wool, $1 and up.
Mackintoshes, lined, $2.50. Plaid lining, wool top, $3.98. Latest and best, $5.75.
Skirts of all kinds, black, green, blue, purple, garnet, checks, plaids, novelty, crepon, silk, etc., at the lowest prices.
From now until Jan. 1, we give with every purchase of $7.50 and up a handsome linen collar, ornamented with beautiful new style, all silk ribbon. Every lady should have one. We have a great variety of shades which would be suitable to all complexions.

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A Handsome Gloria Silk Umbrella worth $1.50

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$1.95 One lot Fine Cheviot Jackets, in blue or black, regularly sold for $3.75, this week only $1.95.
$2.50 One lot Jackets, handsome style, high rolling collar of velvet and facing, worth $4.95.
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BRUTAL MURDER

John Dean of Maynard Killed for Money.

HIS HEAD SPLIT OPEN WITH AN AXE.

He Had Recently Cashed a Large Check.

Maynard, Mass., Dec. 18.—John Dean, a peaceable and highly respected farmer, living just outside of this town, was brutally murdered yesterday afternoon. That robbery was the cause of the tragedy there is very little doubt, yet the murderer is neither known nor can be traced. The dead man's body was found in his kitchen by his two daughters when they returned from their daily employment at 5:20 o'clock last evening. The two daughters, coming from opposite directions on the road, met at the garden gate and entered the house together, wondering at the unusual stillness that seemed to prevail. They passed into the kitchen, and found there the body of their parent, the head fearfully wounded, and blood spattered over the floor and up one wall almost to the ceiling. Beside the body was a bloody ax owned by Mr. Dean, which had been used as an instrument of death.

It is believed that the tragedy occurred between 5 and 5:30 o'clock. It was Mr. Dean's custom to milk the cows at that hour, and as it is apparent that he had returned from the barn after performing his usual task, it seems quite evident that the murderer awaited him in the kitchen. There are no signs of a struggle. The ax had almost split his skull. Mr. Dean recently cashed a check for a large amount and brought the money home. This money cannot now be found.

On Monday night last, at a late hour, a man awoke the family by rapping on the front door and asked for a glass of water. Mr. Dean opened the front door, but not the screen door, and on his returning with the glass the strange visitor had disappeared. George Whitney, a nearby neighbor, saw a short, stout man, minus an overcoat, come from the Dean house about 5:45, and he seemed in a great hurry. As Mr. Dean is not known to have had any enemies, robbery seems the only theory. He leaves three daughters, one of whom is a milliner in this town.

Mr. Whitney says that the unknown man disappeared in the direction of Maynard. Dr. Rich was summoned from the village, and, in his opinion, the death occurred almost instantly, at about the time of day stated above. Dr. Rich promptly notified Medical Examiner Hoyt of Marlboro, and he drove at once to the scene of the tragedy. He will not have any report to make until today at least, and it is possible that he will withhold his statement until the state police can make a further investigation. The police were at once summoned by telegraph, and two officers arrived here last evening.

When the news of the tragedy became known quite a crowd of people visited the Dean homestead, but were not allowed admittance to the house.

His Work Appreciated.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Massachusetts delegation in the house last night gave a dinner to Hon. George Lyman, the chairman of the Republican state committee. Mr. Lyman has served in this capacity for two terms, and the dinner was given as an evidence of the appreciation felt by the delegation at the success which has attended his efforts in that position. Senators Lodge and Hoar of Massachusetts and Speaker Reed were the invited guests. All the members of the state delgation in the house were present except Messrs. Apsley, Barrett and Walker. The former is sick and was unable to attend, and Barrett sent a letter of regret. The dinner was entirely an informal affair, and there were no set speeches.

Uncle Sam's Cash Account

Washington, Dec. 18.—Yesterday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $226,155,515; gold reserve, $133,967,394; net silver, $18,479,442; United States notes in the treasury, $32,043,000; treasury notes of 1890, $37,884,320; total receipts yesterday, $898,001; total receipts this month, $15,300,351; total expenditures yesterday, $1,168,000; total expenditures this month, $17,098,000; deposits in national banks, $17,194,591.

Grange Committees Report.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 18.—The closing session of the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, was held here yesterday. The day was principally devoted to reports of committees. The transportation committee favored improvement of highways, and thought that a portion of the money expended each year for repairing roads should be used to build sections of permanent roadways, and also advocated a tax on bicycles for highway improvement.

Young Monks Testifies.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Young Lester H. Monks, who was a passenger on the barkentine Herbert Fuller when Captain Nash and his second mate were murdered, was on the witness stand all day yesterday. Cross-examined, Monks contradicted himself in regard to the statement of facts which was drawn up and signed by the crew on the night of the crime.

Company Criminally Negligent.

Providence, Dec. 18.—Coroner Lincoln has decided that the Narragansett Electric Lighting company was responsible for the death of William Eliot, who was killed, in September, by seizing a wire upon which the insulation had been worn. The coroner says that the company was aware that the covering had been worn out.

Whittier Celebration at Amesbury.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 18.—The anniversary of the birth of Poet John G. Whittier was observed here last night by a reception at the Y. M. C. A. hall. The affair was conducted by the Elizabeth H. Whittier club. Exercises in commemoration of the event were also held in all the public schools of the town yesterday.

Reports come from China of a revolt against the present government.

A receiver has been appointed for the Michigan Masonic Life association.

The Detroit metal factory was destroyed by an explosion. Loss, $75,000.

Pope Leo will ask McKinley to establish an American legation to the Vatican.

SEC. ONLEY'S CAUTION.

He Recommends That All Action In Congress Regarding Cuba Be Postponed.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Post says today: Secretary of State Olney has cautioned the members of the committee on foreign relations to go very slowly in regard to the Cuban question. The secretary urgently recommends that all action be postponed in congress until the end of the present campaign, when, if the Spaniards are not successful, he believes, as recommended in the president's message, that some form of practical intervention should be applied by the United States.

A majority of the members of the committee express ignorance of the intention of Mr. Olney to appear before the committee, but there is no doubt that he told Senator Sherman, who saw him yesterday, that he would be glad to appear at the committee's meeting, to throw all the light possible on the subject, for their guidance. It is the expectation of all the members of the committee that a vote will be reached at the meeting today on the Cameron resolution declaring for Cuban independence, and the friends of the resolution express no doubt that the resolution will receive the approval of a majority of the committee.

As Secretary Olney in his report to the president made a special point of the necessity of concealing the identity of the agents relied upon by the state department to keep it informed of the progress of events in Cuba, as well as the details of their reports, it is probable that he will give his information under pledge of secrecy, made necessary to ensure the safety of such consular officers in Cuba as may have served the department in a news capacity.

The intention of the majority of the members of the committee on foreign relations who intend to vote for the Cameron Cuban resolution is to vote to report the resolution today and allow it to remain on the senate calendar until after the holiday recess. Different senators have urged members of the foreign relations committee not to be hasty in the matter of acting on the Cuban resolutions, and suggest delay, but so far it has not influenced the majority members of the committee. The reply has been that the best way is to have the crisis, if it is to come, and get over with it as quickly as possible.

The Junta Believes Maceo Is Dead.

New York, Dec. 18.—Although the members of the Cuban junta in this city feel certain that Antonio Maceo has met his death, they are leaving nothing undone to find out just how he died. The renewed rumor that Maceo is alive owes its origin probably to these efforts on the part of the junta. The statement was made yesterday by Dr. J. Castillo that, in the opinion of the junta, there could be little doubt of Maceo's death, and that it was generally believed that he came to his death through treachery on the part of Dr. Zertucha. In order to learn the facts about the engagement in which the patriot was killed, emissaries have been sent from Habana to find the troops which he commanded.

Cuba Has Friends In France.

Paris, Dec. 18.—L'Intransigeant publishes a manifesto from the French committee for free Cuba, addressed to the Cubans, and accusing the Spanish government of the murder of Maceo, whose blood, it says, will fertilize the idea of Cuban liberty. It assures the insurgents of the sympathy of the grandsons of the French revolutionists, who proclaimed the rights of man. MM. Rochefort, Clovis Hughes and Ernest Roche are among the signers.

Sharkey Gets the Purse.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The fight between Sharkey and Fitzsimmons for possession of the $10,000 purse was concluded yesterday, when Judge Sanderson dissolved the injunction restraining the Anglo-California bank from cashing the check. Counsel for Sharkey called the attention of the court to the state law forbidding prize fighting, between which and a "glove contest," he maintained, there was difference, and he therefore argued that a case involving the possession of a purse for prize fighting had no standing in court. The judge concurred in this view, and said he would have terminated the proceedings earlier had that point been called to his judicial attention. The court held that under the California statute the civic board of supervisors had no more power to legalize a prize fight than to sanction a duel. The decision concluded as follows: "There is no question in my mind that the parties in this engagement or exhibition or whatever you call it—the complaint calls it a boxing contest—are indictable under the law, and that the people who witnessed it are amenable as lawbreakers."

Shot by a Thief.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—John Sheehan attempted to steal some geese last night from a coop in front of Mrs. Jennie Cohen's grocery store at Union and Liberty streets. The woman caught him in the act, and he shot at her. The bullet missed its mark, and struck Barnett Cooper, an old man, squarely between the eyes, inflicting a fatal wound. Sheehan and a companion named Patrick Begley started to run, hotly pursued by a large number of men, women and children. Sheehan raised his revolver, and was about to fire into the crowd, when one of the women who was close behind him struck him on the head with a hatchet, fracturing the skull and inflicting injuries from which he will die. Officers arrived just in time to save the life of Begley, who was badly beaten.

Williams Alumni Banquet.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Williams Alumni association of the city of New York held its annual reunion at the Hotel Waldorf last night. About 150 graduates of the "old ivy clad college on the hills" were present, and made the dining hall ring with their class yells and college songs. The following are the newly elected officers of the association for 1896-97: President, Charles Bulkeley Hubbell; vice presidents, Walter Edmonds and Rev. William Grosvenor; secretary, Arthur W. Francis; treasurer, John Tatlock, Jr.; executive committee, J. Maus Schermerhorn, Edward S. Atwood, John Corwin, Frederick Geller, H. L. Adraince, Ellis J. Thomas and F. P. Kimball.

Maine Grange Adjourns.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 18.—Many of the grangers left Wednesday night and Thursday morning, therefore the closing day did not see the crowd it had the first of the week. The day was devoted mostly to reports, and also the appointing of committees. About 300 took advantage of the excursion to the National soldiers' home at Togus yesterday afternoon.

AYER'S HAIR VICOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

U. S. COMMERCE

Tenth Annual Report of Interstate Commission.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Defects of the Statutes Now Apparent.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The 10th annual report of the interstate commerce commission, made public yesterday, speaks of three decisions rendered by the supreme court of the United States during the year, of special importance to the commission. In one case at least, the law, says the report, has been upheld and fortified in a most important particular, but the outcome of the others has either emphasized the defects of the statute or left its further interpretation so doubtful and uncertain as to increase the difficulties of efficient administration. The most far-reaching of these decisions was announced in March last in the case of the Texas and Pacific Railway company vs. interstate commerce commission, originally decided by the commission in January, 1891, and commonly known as the "import rate case." This proceeding was brought by the New York board of trade and transportation against the Pennsylvania Railroad company and others. The case practically raised the general question whether in the carriage of goods from American seaports, carriers subject to the act could lawfully charge less for the transportation of import than of domestic traffic of like kind to the same destination. The commission held that any difference in charge for like service as between foreign and domestic traffic was unlawful. The supreme court by a divided opinion reversed this opinion, and the commission remark that the construction of the act thus adopted opens the door to manifold abuses from which there is little protection and for which there is little redress under the law as now in force. They urge the necessity of amendatory legislation.

The next case referred to is the "social circle case," which arose on complaint of a firm of buggy manufacturers in Cincinnati against the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific, Western and Atlantic, and Georgia Railroad companies, alleging a violation of the long and short haul clause by a charge of $1.37 per 100 pounds on buggies to Social Circle, Ga., 52 miles east of Atlanta, while their rate for the longer distance through Social Circle to Augusta Ga., was only $1.07. The competition alleged to justify the lower rate for the longer haul included rail lines from Cincinnati, Baltimore and other points and water lines along the Atlantic coast connecting with rail lines from Charleston and other seaports. Although the supreme court did not, as it was hoped it would, enter upon a full construction of the meaning of the long and short haul provision, it did hold that whether the greater shorter-distance charge is justified "is one of fact peculiarly within the province of the commission." In this case, as in the import rate case, the fullest power to enforce the provisions of the act is conceded to the commission.

The third important case cited is "The Brown case," which involved the right of the commission to compel witnesses to testify. A full synopsis of this important decision is set forth in the report, and the commission says: "This decision seems to have effectually removed the embarrassments hitherto encountered in obtaining the testimony of unwilling witnesses in penal cases, and under it and the ruling of the supreme court in 1894, in the Brimson case, little difficulty is now experienced in securing the attendance and testimony of such witnesses in proceedings before the commission."

Prior to this decision it was impracticable in most cases to secure conviction, but now when any party to a criminal transaction can be forced to give evidence against his fellow wrongdoers and is under inducement to do so because of resulting immunity to himself, there seems to be no special difficulty in convicting transgressors under this statute, and the proposition to abolish punishment by imprisonment, as now provided for in the law, is opposed by the commission.

The practice of the commission to investigate grievances stated in letters from shippers or consignees continues to operate successfully. An investigation of irregular practices and ratemaking methods of carriers of grain from points on the Missouri river to eastern destinations held during the year developed a system of arriving at charges less than those specified in published tariffs known as the "expense bill" system and otherwise called "protecting the through rate." Under this practice, grain brought from producing points to the Missouri river upon which local rates have been paid was afterward reshipped to Mississippi river points, Chicago and other points, at the difference between the through rate from the original point of shipment and the local rate to the Missouri river. The difference or balance was always less than the established rate for like service from Kansas City and other Missouri points to the eastern destination. As the questions involved in the inquiry are now under consideration by the commission, no opinion is expressed at this time on the methods and practices disclosed by the investigation.

The practice of ticket brokerage is referred to, and it is said this illegitimate traffic has become a positive scandal. The commission recommends that it be made a penal offense for any person to engage in the business of selling interstate passenger tickets unless he is an authorized agent of the carrier, duly constituted such by written appointment. Free passes are also denounced. The report closes by recommending a number of technical amendments to the interstate commerce law.

Twelve Negroes Shot.

Texarkana, Ark., Dec. 18.—Reliable information reaches here that a mob of white men made an attack on the negro laborers employed at a sawmill at Canfield. The whites fired on the blacks and 12 negroes were wounded and left all night without medical attention.

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DEATH OF HERRMAN.

The Magician Succumbs to Heart Disease While Travelling.

Rochester, Dec. 18.—Hermann, the magician, died at 11 o'clock yesterday in his private car at Great Valley, six miles this side of Salamanca. He was on his way to Bradford. The car was cut off, the train at Salamanca and the remains have been forwarded to New York. Hermann had just completed an engagement at the Lyceum in this city last night, and had later been entertained at the Genesee Valley club by a number of his friends. Death was caused by heart disease.

Alexander Hermann was born in Paris in 1844. He followed in the footsteps of his father, S. Hermann, who was also a well-known magician in his time. He leaves a widow but no children.

He made his first appearance in America at the Academy of Music, New York city, in 1861, where he played 75 nights. Then, with his brother, he made a tour of the world. In 1867 his partnership with his brother was dissolved and Alexander started out for himself, making another tour of the world. He returned to this country in 1874, and remained until his death.

Topper Talks.

London, Dec. 18.—The Daily Graphic publishes an interview with Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian high commissioner, in which he says: "Canada is quite prepared to take her part in the admiralty scheme for imperial defense outlined by the Duke of Devonshire. In the event of war between the United States and Great Britain, Canada would be invaded by land. That is why, during the recent difficulties, Canada voted a large sum to equip the militia. There is no fear that a hostile army could be landed in Canada by sea. The naval stations at Halifax and Esquimault are impregnable. Canada's best defense in this respect is the maintenance of fast mail passenger vessels, convertible at a moment's notice into armed cruisers. However, neither the present nor the next generation will see a war between the United States and Great Britain. It is not to the interest of the United States to fight any great power."

There May Be Bloodshed.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 18.—A race war is imminent at Perkins, 25 miles east of here, as the result of Wednesday night's double murder. Three hundred negroes have armed themselves and made a stand to resist the taking of Kingsman, the negro believed to have committed the crime, and 500 white men are massing from the towns of Perkins, Cushing, Carney and the surrounding country to overpower the blacks, and lynch the murderer. A pitched fight seems inevitable. The excitement here is intense, and citizens are leaving hourly for the scene of the conflict. The victims have been identified as Freeman Morrow and his 14-year-old daughter. They lived near Terrillton, and were on their way to this city.

Extortionists' Trial at Dedham.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 18.—The case before the Norfolk superior court in which the greatest interest of the present term is felt—that of Joseph J. Hatlinger, Mrs. Marion Hatlinger and Mrs. Susan A. Holt of Boston, who are to be tried for alleged conspiracy to extort money from Mrs. Nancy D. Gillett of Dedham—was called yesterday. Mrs. Gillett is a well-known and respected widow. Mr. Hatlinger, the principal defendant, was a captain in the Civil War, and is a member of John A. Andrew post 15, Boston. Mrs. Hatlinger and Mrs. Holt are members of the Women's Relief Corps.

Ex-Mayor Pierce Dead.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Hon. Henry L. Pierce, ex-mayor of this city, died last night, after a brief sickness, at the home of T. B. Aldrich, the author. Mr. Pierce was born in 1823, and entered the employ of Walter Baker & Co., chocolate manufacturers, in 1850. Upon the death of Mr. Baker, in 1854, Mr. Pierce took charge of the business, and since then has been the sole manager, and in the last 20 years the sole owner of the establishment. He was mayor of the city in 1872 and again in 1877, and a member of congress from 1873 to 1877.

Robbed a Woman.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Annie T. McCormack, who keeps a grocery store on Bunker Hill street, Charlestown district, was the victim of a bold and almost successful robbery at her place of business yesterday. Two men entered the store, and while one engaged her in conversation at the door, the other forced the till. Her screams brought a police officer, and the thief with the money was captured. The other escaped.

A Peculiar Accident.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 18.—George Mullins, a pattern maker, employed at Crossman & Law's foundry, was instantly killed yesterday by falling from an upper story of the building. He was opening a door when a heavy wind struck it, precipitating Mullins to the sidewalk, a distance of about 30 feet. He leaves a widow and four children, one of the latter residing in Boston.

More Union Depot Bonds.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Samuel Hoar appeared before the board of railroad commissioners yesterday morning to ask for the approval of $2,000,000 worth more of bonds for the benefit of the Boston Terminal company, which is building the great Southern union station. This gives the maximum cost of the new station and approaches, roughly estimated, at between $9,000,000 and $10,000,000.

Erie Canal Strikers.

Syracuse, Dec. 18.—The second strike within two days in the Erie canal improvement work occurred in this city yesterday. One hundred laborers, mostly Italians, demand $1.50 a day, instead of $1.25. No answer was made to the demand, and the men organized into a mob and compelled laborers on other sections to quit work. Police protection will be given the contractors, who say they will not increase wages.

Panama Canal Fine Unpaid.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Action has been commenced by the treasury against MM. Balhaut, Charles De Lesseps and Blondin to recover an unpaid fine inflicted upon M. Balhaut by the assize court in March, 1888, in connection with the Panama canal failure. The sum for which M. De Lesseps is held jointly responsible in this capacity amounts to 891,586 francs. It is claimed by M. De Lesseps that M. Balhaut has already paid 579,000 francs.

Dr. Conaty Congratulated.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 18.—The installation of Very Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D. D. of this city as rector of the Catholic university at Washington will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Dr. Conaty yesterday afternoon received the following cable dispatch from Bishop Keane, former rector of the university: "Paris, Dec. 17. Very Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D. D., Worcester. Hearty congratulations. Good wishes. John J. Keane."

THE MACEO MYSTERY.

A New York Travelling Man Relieved of $15,000 Worth of Loose Diamonds.

Key West, Dec. 18.—Dispatches received here last night do not solve the mystery of Maceo.

The Cubans still claim that Maceo is alive, and the Spaniards as persistently claim that the Cuban general is dead, beyond a doubt.

Weyler still remains in Habana, and is greatly worried over the situation. Reports that come show that Gomez is still advancing, and is sweeping all before him.

It is evident that Weyler expects Habana to be besieged, for he is mounting heavy siege guns on the outer sea wall, and is also making other preparations.

Another expedition left last night, and it is stated that the Three Friends succeeded in landing her cargo of arms and men.

Cuban League Address.

New York, Dec. 18.—Colonel Ethan Allen, president of the Cuban League of the United States, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the meeting at which the league was organized, has issued an address to the public, reciting the wrongs and sufferings of the Cuban people, commenting severely on President Cleveland's reference to Cuba in his recent message to congress and declaring that the people must so speak that the president and congress shall recognize Cuban independence. It is proposed to arouse public sympathy by mass meetings throughout the country, and a grand mass meeting will be held in Cooper Union hall in this city on Dec. 21. Besides Colonel Allen, the address is signed by Paul Dana, John Jacob Astor, General Daniel Butterfield and Colonel Fred Grant.

Weyler Saved by Maceo's Death.

New York, Dec. 18.—A special to The World from Madrid (by way of Bayonne, France) says: It is now known that General Maceo's death happened most fortunately for General Weyler. Premier Canovas and the minister of war were so indignant when they heard that General Maceo had crossed the trocha and entered Habana province, by land, that they had determined to recall General Weyler, and send Captain General Marin from Porto Rico. It is an open secret in politics, military and diplomatic circles here that anyhow General Weyler will only be allowed to remain in Cuba if he promptly and signally crushes the insurrection.

Mill Burned at Grafton.

Grafton, Vt., Dec. 18.—The milling property owned by the estate of Ellery C. Kenny in this town burned yesterday. The blaze started in the shingle mill and rapidly spread to the other buildings and lumber on the premises. The shingle and planing mills and the storehouse were consumed, together with considerable machinery and finished lumber. The property was being operated by J. H. Stowell & Sons. Loss estimated at $6000; not covered by insurance.

Threw Lye on Her Neighbor.

Chillicothe, O., Dec. 18.—There is great excitement at Bethel, a small station three miles south of Kingston, this county, occasioned by a terrible atrocity which occurred there yesterday afternoon. Two married women, named Moon and Shell, quarreled, and the Shell woman threw a bucket of strong lye water into the face of Mrs. Moon and her infant daughter. Both have their eyes burned out and their heads and faces also terribly burned. The baby died in a short time, and the mother is in terrible agony, her death being looked for every moment. Mrs. Shell made her escape, but is being pursued by several hundred men and boys, assisted by dogs, and if captured, a lynching is probable.

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PLEASANT

It is a pleasure to be remembered with one of our Holiday Umbrellas, Fancy Kid Gloves, Silk Mittens, where goods are as represented.

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FROM OUR 5 O'CLOCK EDITION Of Yesterday.

OLNEY TO APPEAR

Before Committee on Foreign Relations

IN REGARD TO THE CUBAN MATTER.

Will Advocate Non-Interference By the U. S.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Olney will go before the senate committee on foreign relations tomorrow and disclose a budget of correspondence in relation to Cuba showing the soundness of administration and to argue against any interference in the Cuban matter upon the part of the United States.

Those who style themselves "Conservatives," and who are opposed to interference rely upon Olney to pacify the people of the United States who favor the recognition of Cuba's independence and to convince them that such a course at the present time would be injudicious.

BOILED IN BATH.

An Awful Tragedy Resulting From a Home Made Turkish Bath and Spontaneous Combustion.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Stevens Point, Wis., Dec. 16—Carl Shepke, an employee of the Wisconsin Central railroad was boiled to death in a home made Turkish bath. He had been rubbed with turpentine and placed in woolen blankets, and spontaneous combustion igniting the blankets burned him frightfully.

To cure him, he was placed on a barrel of hot water and clover blossoms and covered. When the cover was removed he was found dead.

HOUSE THIEF SENTENCED.

Judge Hadley on the Advisability of Keeping Doors Locked.

Four drunks.

Thomas Sullivan got six months at the state farm.

The case of Alvira Dickson, charged with larceny, was continued until Dec. 23, when it will have been decided whether or not she is mentally responsible.

Wm. Hoban and John S. Brennan, charged driving away a team, were held in $200 until Dec. 22. The Hoban boy has only been in this country a very short time.

Daniel McMahon went into the house of Mr. C. S. Sargent in Kirk street three different times and the second time when ordered away he was looking for a woman who he thought lived there. When he left there the third time he took with him a satchel containing about $9 worth of underwear, etc. He pawned the goods and was arrested by Officer Duncan. In court he pleaded guilty and the court, in sentencing him to jail for eight months said: "The house thieves have become an intolerable nuisance and must be severely dwelt with for the protection of householders, who by the way should be more careful about keeping their doors locked than they are at present."

HEARTLESS PAIR

Robbed and Tried to Drown a Man.

THREW HIM INTO THE HARBOR OFF WHARF.

Was Rescued by Officer—Robbers Arrested.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Henry W. Gammons of Kingston, Mass., was the victim at three o'clock this morning of one of the most daring highway robberies ever committed in this city. The affair nearly resulted in his death by drowning and the officer who came to his rescue and finally arrested the robber was nearly blinded by red pepper. Gammons and two companions, strangers, had visited several saloons and at three o'clock this morning were on Atlantic ave., when the strangers enticed Gammons on a wharf near by where they relieved him of all his valuables and threw him into the harbor. Gammons, climbed to the edge and was about gaining a footing when they pushed him back, at the same time filling his eyes with pepper. An officer attracted by his cries hurried to Gammons' rescue and made a desperate fight with the men, who stifled and nearly blinded him with pepper. Finally he arrested them. They gave the names of Thomas McCullough of New York and Wm. Hall, no home.

BLEACHERY IMPROVEMENTS.

Col. Bennett will Build an Addition to the Plant.

The Bleachery company is going to enlarge its plant.

An addition, and a new roof will be placed on the bleach house, and engine room and both buildings will be under one new roof. The roof will be about 100 feet square. Col. James W. Bennett has been awarded the contract for the work, and he will set his men at work as soon as the lumber arrives. He has sub-let the contract for the brick work to James H. Walker.

Terrific Fire, Loss $500,000.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—The Casino building at Scheuley park was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The cause of the fire was the bursting of a large ammonia cylinder in an ice machine of the skating rink. The loss is about $500,000.

High School Foot Ball.

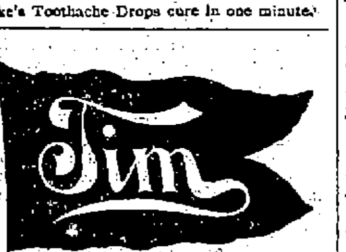
The High school foot ball team met yesterday and elected Joseph Herrick captain of next year's team and Thomas O'Donnell manager.

shortness of breath—a sensation of dryness and heat in the throat. Neglect is dangerous.

HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR

Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar acts like a charm on the throat and bronchial tubes. Use it before it's too late. Sold by druggists.

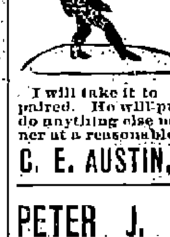
Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute.



Beware

Of the man who tells you that a substitute is just "as good as" Tim. Compare the two. *You* can tell the difference. Five cents will buy a Tim anywhere.

Timothy Gay & Co., Boston.



This Umbrella Has Gone To Smash.

I will take it to Austin's and have it repaired. He will put a new cover on it and do anything else needed in a first class manner at a reasonable price.

C. E. AUSTIN, 19 Bridge Street.

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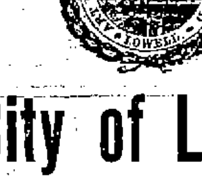
Choice Teas, Coffees and Spices

Try our "BIG TWELVE" brand of flour the best in the city.



City of Lowell

Auditor's Office, Dec. 16, 1896.

Persons having bills against the City of Lowell are requested to present them at this office on or before Saturday, the 19th inst.

Bills not presented as above will remain unpaid until Feb. 10, 1897.

DAVID CHASE, Auditor.

Chritmas Candles

For Christmas Tree, Boudoir and Table use in

White and Colors

Candle Shades and Holders.

C. B. Coburn & Co.

63 AND 67 MARKET STREET.

CHARLES H. COSGROVE, Room 16, Hildreth Building. Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

J. M. KINGSBURY, No. 373 Bridge Street. Meats and Provisions. (Successor to Stront & Kingsbury.)

PHILIP J. FARLEY, Room 11, Barristers' Hall. Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

JOSEPH W. LEACH, Room 12, Shedd's Block. Pianist and Teacher of Singing.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St., Opp. American House, Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

COURTNEY & COURTNEY, Mansur Block. Counsellors-at-Law. William F. Courtney. Henry S. Courtney.

SMOKE OLD 64 CIGAR H. BOOT, Manufacturer.

LOTHROP & CUNNINGHAM, 132 Merrimack Street, Photographers. Crayons, Pastels and Water Colors a specialty. All work guaranteed

W. A. LEW, 40 John Street. Clothing Cleansed, Dyed and Pressed. Orders received for cleaning, dying and pressing, promptly and neatly executed.

NOTICE TO ENGINEERS.

There will be a lecture for Engineers Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, at 8 o'clock, in old Odd Fellows' hall, Merrimack street. P. H. Hogan, Chief Engineer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Herbert E. Stone, Chief Engineer at Harvard University, will speak on subjects of interests to Engineers. All Engineers are invited to attend. Admission free.

LOWELL ASSO., No. 17, N. A. S. E.

WANT COLUMN.

LOST—Two, St. Bernard dogs, male and female. One has collar marked F. L. Richard, 27 Lakeview avenue. They are both yellow, one being a little darker than the other. Reward at Frank L. Richard's, Moody street.

LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 12, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

WANTED—Good man to take agency for Dirigo cream in Lowell and vicinity. Address, Dirigo Creamery Co., Beverly, Mass.

LADIES TO WRITE for us at home. No canvassing. Reply, enclosing stamp, Silver Fern Co., Aurora, Indiana.

TO LET—4 room flat at 634 Broadway.

TO LET—Sunny five room tenement on Moody street. Enquire at 821 Merrimack street.

TO LET—Very pleasant and sunny rooms newly furnished at 404 Bridge street.

WANTED—400 Ladies to call at the Union Supply, 65 Merrimack street, up one flight, room 2, to get dressed in good style. The best of garments, mackintoshes, dresses, wrappers and millinery. Cash or credit. Lowest of prices. Over Central Savings bank.

GOOD INVESTMENT.—500 shares stock in active company for sale at $4 per share, must be sold to settle estate. Address post office box 1804, Boston.

FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street. Good cottage house, near mills. Price, $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—A position as stenographer and typewriter; experienced; mercantile or legal work; can give good recommendation; also good references. Address E, Sun office, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—In Centralville, 7 room cottage house, in good repair, 8 minutes walk to mills. This is a bargain. Price, $1800. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a two-tenement house near new bridge. This is an excellent chance to buy a house and on easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—Your child to have Rosy Cheeks, Pure Blood, to rest well. Get a box of the Athan Worm and Scrofula Tablets at all druggists. Price 25c, prepaid, by the Lowell Chemistry Co.

FOR SALE—Just the place you want to make money on a 4 tenement block in Belvidere. Pays 12 per cent. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester's English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best. Safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c., stamps, for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

DR. CATON'S TANSY PILLS for Ladies never fail. Get the genuine and avoid disappointment. $1, all druggists or direct. DR. R. F. CATON, Boston, Mass.

FOR SALE—Good boarding and lodging house near John street. All new furniture and in good shape. 50 boarders. This is an excellent location for business. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

ALL LADIES having a few hours leisure each day should write me at once, regarding pleasant home work which easily pays $18 weekly. This is no deception and will certainly pay you to investigate. Reply with stamped envelop, Mrs. S. A. Stebbins, Lawrence, Mich.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye house and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

SAVOY THEATRE

Kendal Weston, Mgr.

SOUVENIRS TONIGHT.

Every lady in the audience Friday evening will receive an autograph photograph of Mrs. Georgie Dickson.

The Savoy Theatre Co. in a Brilliant Production of Robertson's great 3-act Comedy,

"CASTE"

"True hearts are more than coronets, and simple faith than Normand blood."

Produced with the most careful attention to detail and appointments.

Matinee prices: Lower floor, 25c.; Balcony, 15c. Evening prices: 15, 25, 35 and 50c. Box seats, 75c. Evenings at 8 o'clock. Wednesday and Saturday Matinees at 2.30. Carriages at 10.30 p. m. Seats on sale at theatre one week in advance. Box office open from 10 a. m. to 9.30 p. m. Telephone 608-5. Tickets will be reserved until within 15 minutes of time of performance.

NEXT WEEK—Wallack's Greatest of Military Plays, "Rosedale."

Music Hall

Three Nights Beginning Thursday, December 17, 18, 19. Matinee Saturday at 2.30.

THE FAMOUS Watson Sisters

Grand Company, Introducing their Marvelous Electrical Aerial Sensation,

TRIANGUL GIRATORIO, Patented

2—BIG BURLESQUES—2

Next Week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with Wednesday Matinee, Dec. 21, 22, 23.

"THE NOSS JOLLITY CO"

In the Musical Farce Comedy,

"THE KODAK"

A GENUINE SUCCESS.

NANA THE WORLD'S GREATEST PICTURE

IS WITH US

For a few days only. This exquisite creation of the painters' art, one of the most tender realizations of female beauty ever placed on canvas, is now on exhibition daily at the

RUSSIAN HALL, Urban Block

(Rear of Old City Hall)

Nana has been exhibited in every quarter of the civilized globe and has been unanimously declared by press, People and Critics everywhere, to be the most wonderful picture ever painted. It is from the brush of Suchorowsky, most famous of the great school of Russian realistic artists.

ADMISSION:

9 a. m. till 5 p. m., 20 cents.
5 p. m. till 10 p. m., 10 cents.

THE LATEST TALKING MACHINE

ONLY $25. Just Think of It.

The Graphophone, 1897 model: Just out. Simplest and best ever made. Clockwork motor of new design. You can record and reproduce speech, songs, bands, etc. Just what you want at home to entertain your friends and children.

New Spring Motor Slot ONLY $50

For Stores, Houses, Car Stations and Public Resorts. Great attraction and money maker.

EASTERN TALKING MACHINE CO.

88 Merrimack Street, Lowell.

COOL EVENINGS ARE COMING!

Why not order your light weight overcoat now and save a few dollars? Our unlined heavy coverts are dandies.

DAVIS & NICKERSON,

Tailors, 9 CENTRAL STREET.

New Goods Arriving Every Week.

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:09; sets, 4:14.
Length of day—9h. 5m.
Moon sets—6 a. m.
Full sea—10 a. m.; 10:30 p. m.

Forecast for New England: Fair in the morning, cloudy and threatening in the afternoon; warmer; winds shifting to southeasterly.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance. Donovan bl'd.

Elegant rubber-tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson street. Telephone 439-4.

Orders for coal promptly filled and satisfaction guaranteed by Roark & Sullivan, 981 Gorham street. Telephone 356-3.

There are many grades of coal and you want the best. W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike street, will give you the benefit of his experience if you order your winter supply of him.

The second in the course of illustrated lectures in the First Universalist church course was delivered last night, by Rev. P. M. Powers of Somerville, his subject being "Afloat and on land in Holland."

Burn Wilson's Coal.

Catholic Prayer Books.

A large assortment of the latest bindings, pearl rosaries, and other religious articles suitable for a christmas present at Murphy's 18 Appleton street.

Chevalier Lodge Election.

At Wednesday evening's meeting of Chevalier lodge, K. of P., the following officers were elected for the next six months: Chancellor commander, E. K. Humphrey; vice chancellor commander, C. E. Frost; prelate, S. A. Arnold; master of work, F. A. Pillings; keeper of records and seals, W. A. Barr; master of finance, A. S. Thompson; master of exchequer, H. Pilling; master at arms, William Brooks; trustee for two years, F. A. Griffin; for three years, F. A. George. The rank of knight was worked upon one candidate by the degree staff of the lodge. The staff will go to Lawrence next Monday evening to work the degree upon candidates for Calindaro lodge of that place.

Lady Franklin Council.

Lady Franklin Council, D. of L. elected the following officers at its meeting Wednesday evening: Councillor, Frances Roakes; associate councillor, Christina Clough; vice councillor, Ida M. Bills; associate vice councillor, W. E. Farris; recording secretary, Clara A. Varney; associate recording secretary, Maud Farley; treasurer, Blanche Bartlett; guide, Mrs. Brett; inside guard, Ella M. Sawyer; outside guard, Luella Crowell; trustee for 18 months, Clinton Rollins; representatives to state convention, A. Cora Stiles and Hattie Noyes; alternates, Lizzie Crowell and Blanche Bartlett. These officers will be installed the first Wednesday evening in January.

Emulus Thompson Commandery.

Emulus Thompson Commandery, Golden Cross, received five applications for membership at its meeting in Manchester Unity hall, Wednesday evening and elected the following officers: Noble commander, C. A. Dane; vice noble commander, Mrs. Ellen Bumps; prelate, Mrs. Ellen Yagerhorn; keeper of records, George H. Howes; financial keeper of records, Fred C. Piper; treasurer, Walter H. Emmett; herald, Arthur Mountford; warden at inner gate, Miss Agie Wallace; warden at outer gate, William H. Rogers; trustees, Walter H. Gilman, Dr. Thomas McGannon, Lauren F. Haskell, officers will be installed the first Wednesday evening in January.

POLICE NOTES.

Charles McCarthy of this city, a peddler who was arested in Lawrence in connection with a larceny there, received three months for receiving stolen goods.

A SHOE FACTORY

Is Likely to Locate In This City Very Soon.

The Gale Shoe factory of Exeter, N. H., will probably be removed to some other place. At the Board of Trade meeting, this week, Gen. S. H. Gale said that Lowell offers the best inducement for the factory. It is not unlikely that it will locate here.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

By Several Local Organizations Last Night.

At the semi-annual election of Court Wamesit, F. O. A., in Foresters hall last night, the following officers were chosen: C. R., Thomas McDermott; S. C. R., Dennis Leary; F. S., J. P. Mahoney; Tr., John E. Maguire; R. S., Charles White; I. G., James Farrell; O. G., James Driscoll; trustee for three years, Mathew Coupe; physician, Dr. J. S. Leary.

Bay State colony, Pilgrim Fathers, elected officers last night for six months as follows: Governor, Ella M. Sawyer; lieut.-gov., Louise Williams; chaplain, Mary Tighe; secretary, Carrie I. Corbett; collector, Annette D. Collins; treasurer, Dennis Dilworth; sergeant-at-arms, O. C. Johnson; deputy sergeant-at-arms, Ida A. Ward; inside sentinel, Frank R. Lucas; outside sentinel, John Murrington; trustees, Geo. F. Bills, J. L. Jewett and Wm. Arnold; janitor, Frank Sands; pianist, C. E. Corbett.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Five Brothers and the Police met on Les Miserables alleys yesterday afternoon. The former won with the following totals:

Five Brothers—Peter H. Donohoe 486, Owen Donohoe 531, Frank Donohoe 533, Edward P. Donohoe 457, James Donohoe 497; total 2504.

Police—Brosnahan 412, Donaldson 448, Connors 434, Hurley 429, McLaughlin 586; total 2309.

The Vespers and Highlands played a game on the latter's alleys. The Vespers won, 2493 to 2425.

The Home club defeated The Club last evening, 2292 to 2267.

The Lowells got it rubbed into them by the Firemen last evening. The score was: Firemen 2363, Lowells 2247.

Swift and Bailey's team defeated the Old Guards, 2262 to 2118.

In the Bankers' game Team Four won from Team Six, 1795 to 1746.

Dolls and Toys.

We have got an elegant assortment of these necessary holiday goods at very low prices. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

Beauty is your Duty

Abundant, glossy hair, is beauty's crowning glory.
To wear this crown, use

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR.

SOME CRISP GOSSIP.

James Donovan, ex-president of the Democratic city committee in Boston and at present superintendent of the lighting department there, recently sent his photo to a friend in this city, with a request that it be placed on his office desk. And he added "don't be afraid to tell every one that it is the picture of the handsomest man in Boston."

Some of the storekeepers have costly experiences with the "green" clerks they employ around Christmas time. In one of the large stores a few days ago a lady inquired the price of a handsome cut glass dish. The regular price was $3. It looked cheap and the girl said "three cents, Miss." The lady purchased. When she reached the store entrance she decided she had struck a bargain and would let no chance pass. Back she went, this time to the regular clerk. "I'll take two more of those dishes," she said, at the same time placing six cents on the counter. The astonished clerk replied, "two will cost you $6." The woman protested, she had bought one for 3 cents, and proceeded to show her purchase. Then she lost it for the clerk with an eye to business politely informed her that a mistake had been made and the dish must be returned.

This is the visiting season for the school teachers. Those in the Morrill school are visiting today and in consequence the little ones are enjoying a holiday.

Senator and Mrs. Fisher H. Pearson are expected to arrive in this city next Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riley have returned from their wedding trip.

Among the letters of congratulation received by Mayor Courtney was one from Rev. Fr. Forget, O.M.I., formerly of this city. Fr. Forget had previously sent a telegram but wished to express at greater length and more fully his pleasure at the success of his friend.

Among the brightest, cleanest, most instructive and most useful to women is the Ladies Home Journal and Companion. It covers every department of domestic economy. Each year some new and attractive feature is added and for the coming year, it will be an increase in the galaxy of brilliant writers whose ideas shine out in its pages.

For the first time in its history the city of Newburyport has elected an Irishman to the office of alderman. Heretofore the common council was as high as Irishmen could get but this year's exception was Jere Healey of Ward five who has had four years in the council. He is a prime favorite in Newburyport. His good fortune was undoubtedly due to the fact that Dave Wallace of the Waverley house was in Newburyport hustling for him on Tuesday.

"Doc" Evans, the well known horseman, predicts good sleighing soon. He doesn't think, however, that there will be much of it out of yesterday's storm. "Doc" has elaborate plans for the winter and contemplates the best track the river ever saw if nature will only give him the ice. A number of sleighs were out yesterday afternoon and last night though going was bad owing to the drifts.

We are informed that this is beautiful weather at Kenwood. Owing to the lack of power, cars on the Lawrence line could not come any further than the car house which is below Indian Orchard, and consequently the residents of the suburban resort were obliged to walk down there last night, and that walk over First street in a night like last was one worth going miles to keep away from.

The ward two hunting club headed by President Courtney went out in the woods Tuesday and had pretty good luck, bagging 10 rabbits. The hunters found it very cold, the thermometer being down to 6° at one farmhouse where they stopped.

Young People's Society.

The second day's meeting of the fourth annual convention of the General Eastern Young People's society of Loyal Workers was held yesterday in the Advent church. In the morning the reports were read and those officers elected:

President, G. F. Haines of Salem; vice presidents, Rev. C. T. Fiske, Lafayette, R. I., Rev. A. E. Phelps, Portsmouth, N. H., and Rev. M. G. Nelson of this city; secretary, Mrs. A. Morrill of Springfield; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. B. Marden; treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Bolie of Westfield.

The sessions afternoon and evening were interesting and largely attended.

Boston and Maine Ball.

The eleventh annual concert and ball of the Boston and Maine railroad employes was held in Prescott hall last evening and was quite a success. Hibbard's orchestra furnished music.

Much in Little

Is especially true of Hood's Pills, for no medicine ever contained so great curative power in so small space. They are a whole medicine chest, always ready, always efficient, always satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. 25c. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills

A CARD.

We are now showing samples of Manufacturers' Handkerchiefs for the Holiday trade. We purchased these goods at half regular prices and are offering them at the same ratio to our customers.

NIBLOCKS

A Well Established Profitable Business,

ON MERRIMACK STREET FOR SALE AT
SANBORN & DONOVAN'S
Room 1, Swan's Block, Central street. Bad debts of all kinds collected. Telephone 68-5.

MR. AND MRS. ADAMS

Remembered by Their Friends in a Generous Manner.

A number of the friends of Frank H. Adams of 11 Waite street called upon him last evening and presented him with a beautiful gold watch, chain and charm. Afterwards Mrs. Adams served light refreshments, Misses May E. Adams and Carrie B. Choney assisting. Mrs. Adams was presented with some silver ware.

Reception to Rev. Dr. Chambre.

The vestry of St. Anne's church was filled last evening when the parishioners tendered Rev. Dr. Chambre and his estimable wife a reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambre were assisted in receiving by H. M. Thompson, Mrs. J. B. Francis, Mrs. J. M. G. Parker and Miss Elizabeth Edson and the beloved pastor and his wife were the recipients of the warmest congratulations from old and young upon their continued good health.

The reception was in the upper vestry, and the ushers were Heaton Burns, George W. Peterson, Edward B. Saunders, Walter Gerrish and F. W. Coburn. Lemonade was served in the receiving room, and light refreshments were served to all.

Among those present upon the occasion were several from North Billerica.

Lost an Eye.

Harry Shaw was struck in the face by a shuttle while at work in the United States Bunting company and lost an eye.

Picturesque Lowell

Is the title of a very beautiful illustrated book just brought out by us. It contains 16 Lowell views and includes Merrimack street, Central street, City Hall, Memorial Building, High School, new Court House, Grace Church, Pawtucket Falls, the Armory, St. Anne's Church, Fort Hill Park, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Mills at Lowell, the Merrimack River from Andover Street, Lowell Jail and the grave of J. C. Ayer. The price is **25 cents.** Just the thing to send to your friends.

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THE MOST SENSIBLE HOLIDAY GIFTS

NOBBY COATS AND FURS

A JANUARY SALE IN DECEMBER! CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

The Festive Season will soon be here! Our numerous patrons wish to make Christmas presents which shall be both useful and pleasing. What more useful present can there be than one of our beautiful garments? The prices are ridiculously low, for we propose to sell our JANUARY GOODS IN DECEMBER. Mark you—this is not a printer's error—JANUARY GOODS IN DECEMBER—a month in advance.

Why is it that we can offer a New Year's Sale before Christmas? It is in order that those who desire to make useful CHRISTMAS PRESENTS may do so without undue expense. It is because of the mild weather, over-production and great number of failures of wholesale houses that we are enabled to offer this advantage.

FUR COLLARETTES—All kinds Electric, Russian Seal, Astrachan, Krimmer, etc., good value, $4.98, 7.50, 8.75, 10.75 to $20.

FUR AND OSTRICH BOAS—Ostrich Feather Neck Scarfs, $1.98 to 3.50. Ostrich Feather Boas, $7.50 to $15. Thibet Marten and Electric Seal Boas, lowest prices.

CHILDREN'S FUR SETS — Fine white Iceland Bear Sets, $1.39 each. White and colored Angora Sets, $1.98. White Fancy Sets, $2.23.

FUR CAPES—Most Complete assortment in Lowell. All kinds from 20-inch Ripple Capes to 36 inches long.

MACKINTOSHES AND CRAVENETTES —Two Cape inlaid velvet collar in Garnet, Navy Blue, Black, etc., actual value, $8.50. Sale price, $4.95. New Cravenettes from $7.50 to $15.

MISSES' JACKETS—1 lot Fancy Cloth Jackets, high neck, shield front, with pretty buttons. Regular value, $5.00. Sale price, $2.50.

LADIES' JACKETS—1 lot half lined Irish Frieze Jackets, braid trimmed and very heavy at $7.50, for $3.75.

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30 inch Coney Capes, $3.75.
$20 Electric Seal Capes, $8.50.
Children's Garments, $2 and $3.

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Plush Collarettes, fur trimmed, only $3.50, and many other equally good bargains.

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GET UP AND GIT! GET UP AND GIT! GET UP AND GIT!

THE HURRAH SALE was a grand success, it was another laurel in the crown of Bon Marche Successes and now we are to add another. The success of

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No such assortment this side of N. Y. Easy to buy; Laid out into counters with special prices attached for the Mardi Gras. One counter for 5c. See it.

Another of fine games, some 25c kind, at 10c

At 19c you will find a spendid choice

Another lot in the Mardi Gras is 50c games for 25c

39c comes next and you see the line

Further still are $1 games for 49c and so on; 75c buys $1 25 games, and 98c games will surprise you

The above special counters contain all the new and popular games, such as Pillow Dex, Cut up Animals and History, Corner Grocery, Lotto, Parchesi, Colors, Bowling, Hold the Fort, Travel, Barnum's Show, Office Boy, Golf, etc

HANDKERCHIEFS

Men's hemstitched and col'd border 5c

Men's col'd border and white handkerchiefs 10c

Men's col'd border and white all linen hemstitched 12½c

Men's white hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs 12½c

Men's extra fine all linen hemstitched 25c

Men's Japanette Silk Handkerchiefs 2 for 25c

Men's Japanette Silk Initial 15c each

Men's Japanette Silk Initial 25c, extra fine

Children's colored border Handkerchiefs 2c

Ladies' scalloped border Initial 12½c

Ladies' emb'd and white hemstitched handkerchiefs 10c

Ladies' white hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs 12½c

A magnificent assortment of fine embroidered Handkerchiefs ranging from 12 1-2c to $2 69 each. Thousands and thousands of Handkerchiefs at Mardi Gras prices, and Mardi Gras means something to every purchaser.

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We want to see you in the doll gallery, so here's the fetcher

Dolls for 10c worth 25c; see it sure
Another flyer for 19c at this Mardi Gras
Fancy China Bric-a-Brac and Silver Ware
Umbrella Stands 79c, worth $1 50
Tea Sets, 56 pieces, worth $5, Mardi Gras $2 25
Toilet Set, 10 pieces, worth $2 50, Mardi Gras $1 25
Cup, Saucer and Plate, fancy decorations, 9c set
Fruit Plates, fancy shape, 5c
Dinner Set, 112 pieces, Eng. decorations, $10, Mardi Gras $4 42
1 lot Vases at 5c at Mardi Gras
1 lot Vases, elegant goods worth 25c for 10c
1 lot Vases, 50c goods, all imported styles, for 25c
Nickel-plated Kettles 53c, worth $1 50
Wash Boilers, Mardi Gras 37c You know.
Drip Pans, all sizes, 3c each
Mardi Gras Dinner Pails 9c; they are 30c
Enamel Dish Pans, 10 qt, 17c, worth 40c
Enamel Pie Plates 5c each.
Enamel Tea Kettles 43c each
Pudding Pans, enameled, 10c Mardi Gras

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Come and see our assortment of silverware, it is the finest selected stock in the city.

1847 A1 Rogers' Silver Knives and Forks at $3 a set, worth $5 50

Teaspoons $1 69 a doz, real goods, 1847 A1

Silver Service, 4 pieces, Tea Pot, Sugar Bowl, Butter, Creamer and Spoonholder, all for $2 89, worth $6

Silver Butter Dishes 69c, worth $1 50

Castors, 5 bottles worth $2, 69c

Plated Knives and Forks $1 25 set, worth $2 50

Pie Kives 79c, worth double

Gravy Ladles 39c, worth $1

Berry Spoons 69c, worth $2

Soup Ladles 89c, worth $2

Nut Picks and Cracker 19c set of 7 pieces

POEMS, POEMS

Padded poems, all the best authors and lowest prices yet. We can sell you poems if any one can. Come and see

Dore's books 75c, very popular. The wonderful story of Jesus; have you read it, it is invaluable and we only ask 98c for it

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The Cambridge edition for only $1 49

Sets. Sets. Books of the highest standard. We have all the best standard works in sets complete at prices from 98c to $10

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All manner of staple goods and fancy cut work found in the various depts. throughout our large establishment and at prices unprecedented in the history of Holiday shopping. Come and make a tour of inspection all through the Bon Marche; see the Dress Goods Dept. and examine the skirts we are making free of charge.

BOOKS, BOOKS,

We have the kind that you want and the prices are just what you want to pay. We know and you know, hurrah for Mardi Gras.

Albums, celluloid, 49c to $1.49, a bargain

Albums, plush, 98c to $3.47

Albums with stands and Musical Albums, $3.47 to $6

Children's Prayer Books from 15c to 49c

Bibles. We carry the best stock in this section and the prices are Mardi Gras, 25c to $5

Testaments with Psalms, 25c to 69c

Psalms, nicely bound, 69c

Testaments, $1 kind 69c

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

Santa Claus Books, all illustrated, 10c, 15c and 19c. Thousands of them. We sell these as well as all other lines at wholesale and retail. Special prices made for Sunday schools

Bible Stories for children, 5c 10c and 15c

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS

Chiming Chariots 25c worth 98c

Folding Doll's Beds for 10c

Bureaus, all kinds, for 10c

See the 5c counter. See the 10c counter. See the 25c counter. See the 98c counter. You can't afford to miss seeing these counters

LAMPS, LAMPS

What a line of Lamps. It is simply immense. Catch on to the topling of prices

Vase Lamp complete 59c; wonderful

Banquet Lamps with silk shade complete $1 89; hurrah

Hanging Lamps, a beauty for $2 98

Lemonade Sets 79c; great

Jardinieres, a fine choice hand decorations 10c

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Ladies' colored border and white embroidered, lace trimmed 5c

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THE RECOUNT

Progressing Slowly With But Slight Changes.

At 5 o'clock last evening the board of registrars completed recount of the Ward four vote. Precinct 3 of Ward 3, gave Lawrence an extra vote making his lead 17, and Goward and Eastman lost one each. Ward four showed only four changes, Goward and Libby gained one each, O'Neil lost one and Peirce lost two. B. D. O'Connell Esq., watched the counters for a while and was desirous to know if Libby was making any gains.

The votes of Ward five were recounted last night, the registrars finishing at 11.30. These precincts showed only slight changes in the aldermanic vote, but in the mayoralty vote, it was found that a block of 50 was counted for Bennett which should have gone to Courtney. The revised count stood Courtney 1020, Bennett 397, while the original returns gave Courtney 974, Bennett 445.

This morning the registrars commenced the recount of the votes in Ward Six, and two precincts were finished at 11.30. Cosgrove, Derby, Hamer, Holbrook and Howe gained one each, and Derby lost one.

MATRIMONIAL.

A quiet wedding took place at 41 Grand street, Wednesday night, when George A. Dale and Miss Bertha L. Lohnes were married by Rev. E. T. Curnick. The ceremony was witnessed by a few friends and was followed by a collation.

This Morning's Fire.

The alarm from box 28 this morning was for a small blaze in a receptacle used for an ash box on Tucker street.

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THOS CAROLIN'S FUNERAL

FROM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH.

Large Number of Friends and Relatives Attend the Obsequies.

The funeral of Thomas Carolin, one of Lowell's oldest residents, took place this morning from the family residence on Fairmount street. The service over the remains was held in the Immaculate Conception church and the congregation was a large and representative one. People of all classes were present the older residents of the city being very largely represented.

The pew in the broad aisle so long occupied by the deceased and his family was draped in black satin ribbon and over the end of the seat was a wreath of holly. During the service the black broadcloth covered casket rested on a catafalque in the center aisle.

Solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joyce, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Fr. Lee of Jefferson, deacon, and Rev. Fr. McManus, sub-deacon. Rev. John J. Dacey, O.M.I., was master of ceremonies. The choir included the leading singers of the Catholic choirs in the city. Prof. P. P. Haggerty directed and Mrs. Haggerty was organist.

Among those present at the service were Mayor and Mrs. Courtney, ex-Mayor Palmer, Daniel A. Swan, Dr. Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Dempsey, James Bayles, Mrs. John Lennon and Miss Lennon, Philip J. Farley, Esq., and wife, Patrick Dempsey and Miss Dempsey, Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Harrington.

The mourners and friends were escorted to seats by the following ushers: Charles H. Cosgrove, Esq., chief, Dr. Charles L. Fox, Librarian Frederick Chase and Dr. George A. Leahey. Schmidt's requiem mass was sung by the choir. At the offertory, Miss Finn rendered Leybach's "Pie Jesu." T. F. Molloy sang the beautiful hymn, "I Love to Hear My Savior's Voice," at the end of the service, and this was followed by "Rest, Spirit, Rest" by Miss Mabel Ware. The solos in the Libera were sustained by Prof. Haggerty.

The honorary pall bearers were Hon. John J. Donovan, Lawrence J. Smith, John Riley, Charles M. Williams, Jeremiah Crowley, and Michael Corbett.

Six tenants of the deceased bore the remains from the house to the church. They were James Riley, James Egan, Michael Burns, Edward Tracey, Peter Flaherty and William Curtin.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of T. P. Hall. The remains were interred in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery.

DEATHS.

HAVILAND—Thomas Haviland, aged 62 years, a former resident of this, and a brother of the late Frank Haviland, died Wednesday at his home in Watertown. He leaves four sisters, two brothers and two children.

The funeral will take place from St. Patrick's church, Watertown, tomorrow morning at 8.45. The remains will arrive in this city at 11.30 and will be interred in the Catholic cemetery.

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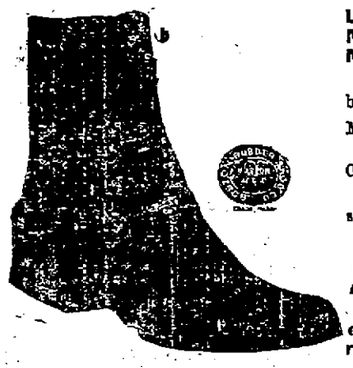

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Men's Woonsocket Rubber Boots best quality, $2.75.
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THE GREAT WATER POWER

OF THE MERRIMACK RIVER AT MITCHELL'S FALLS.

To be Utilized for Industrial Purposes—Bill to be presented to the Legislature by E. Moody Boynton Representing a Company.

The Lawrence Sun has the following concerning a subject of great importance to residents of the Merrimack valley:

An unusual amount of interest is being displayed here in Lawrence in the petition which has been prepared and will be presented to the legislature by E. Moody Boynton, asking for the right to construct a system of canals locks, and dams at Mitchell's Falls, in the Merrimack. He proposes to organize a company for the building of the system, to be known as the Pentucket navigation and power company. Since the river at that point was dredged by the government, a decade ago, there has been much talk regarding the formation of a company: to utilize power generated by the falls but this is the first time that any concerted action has been taken relative to the project. The details of the enterprise have not as yet been given out, but it is claimed that sufficient capital is behind the deal to insure its success. The petition is a sweeping one, and asks for the right to construct dams, locks, canals and such other structures as may be deemed necessary to improve and preserve the water power of the Merrimack river at or near Mitchell's falls and along the Merrimack river, in and between the city of Lawrence and the water front of Haverhill, with the power to improve the navigation of said river, to build and use vessels for navigation, and to use and vend to others the use of said canal and water power to be derived from said falls, for any lawful purposes.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

CAVANAUGH—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Cavanaugh, widow of Patrick Cavanaugh, took place from St. Michael's church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Fr. Sennott officiating. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends, showing the esteem in which deceased was held. The bearers were Peter Burns, Dennis Gannon, Walter Coleman, John Devlin, John Carr, James Farrell.

DOWLING—The funeral of John Dowling occurred from St. Peter's church this morning. Fr. McManus officiated. The bearers were Michael Histon, Michael Kelly, Michael Lynch, John Curtin, Patrick Fitzgibbon and Andrew Haley

McGLYNN—The funeral of Bridget McGlynn took place this morning from St. Michael's church, Rev. Fr. Gilday officiating. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

MURREN—The funeral of Daniel Murren took place this afternoon from his parents home, 6 Jefferson street, and was well attended. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

CLARK—At the Immaculate Conception church this morning, a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Lawrence O. M. I. for the repose of the soul of the late Patrick Clark. The choir rendered the Gregorian chant and at the offertory, Prof. Haggerty sang the "Pie Jesu" by Lutz. The pall bearers were three brothers of the deceased, Michael F. Cornelius J. and Hugh, and a nephew John McCarron. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. Louise Alexander is recovering from her attack of typhoid fever.

The M. P. R. club will hold its first grand assembly in Prescott hall, Runel's building to-night.

Howard S. Adams of Bartlett & Davis establishment is confined to his home in Chelmsford, by illness.

Company M. held its annual shoot at the new range yesterday, and the scores made were not up to the usual standard.

Miss Sadie Prescott Porter and Miss Anna Ellis Dexter of Boston gave a recital in the Paige street church last night. Miss Porter gave some very good readings and the vocal selections of Miss Dexter were very well rendered.

There is nothing that would make a more acceptable Christmas present for a young lady than one of those nobby coats, such as Chris. Holmes is offering to the holiday trade. He is also making a Christmas present this week to every purchaser of $7 worth. His ad. tells all about it.

Eyes
Ears and nose are all more or less affected by catarrh. The eyes become inflamed red and watery, with dull, heavy pain between them; there are roaring, buzzing noises in the ears, and sometimes the hearing is affected; the nose is a severe sufferer, with its constant, uncomfortable discharge. All these symptoms may be removed by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.
Developed Into Catarrh.
"I took a severe cold which developed into catarrh. I concluded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after taking this medicine, I felt better. I have taken a number of bottles and now I am well." ANNA M. BRANFORD, Adelphi, Ohio.
Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.
Hood's Pills cure nausea, indigestion, biliousness. 25 cents.

FOR NEEDLE WORK
Fancy painting on china, by Miss Coddard of Plymouth Choice novelties by Miss Lester, making one of daintiest of gifts at bits of prices, call on our 2nd floor.
NIBLOCKS

FROM RICH UNCLE

Alfred Kay of 69 Andrew Street

MAY RECEIVE A LEGACY IN NEAR FUTURE.

The Uncle Now In a New York Hospital.

Alfred Kay, a hard working man residing with his family at 69 Andrews street, is reported by a morning paper to have found a rich uncle in New York who is ill in an hospital and who when he becomes convalescent is to take up his residence in Lowell and share his property with Mr. and Mrs. Kay.

The story while not altogether untrue is exaggerated.

Mr. Kay recently received a telegram from a wealthy uncle in New York whom he had not seen or heard from for four years. The message stated that the uncle was ill and requested Mr. Kay to go to New York to see him. The latter went there Saturday and came back Monday. It seems that the uncle had advertised for him a year ago without success, but his whereabouts were ascertained by meeting a mutual friend from this city.

When the uncle has recovered he is coming here to live with Mr. and Mrs. Kay.

Regarding the statement that the uncle will share his property with his nephew it is merely speculation as yet as there are closer relatives.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

The attraction at Music hall for the first three nights next week and Wednesday matinee is that of the popular home favorites "The Noss Jollity Co." in a farce comedy entitled "The Kodak."

The entertainment, as is usual with this organization, will be given on the popular idea for brain and muscle workers, that is, simply, pure, clean comedy, bright and interesting music, interpreted by a company capable of adding novel, new and original specialties. "The Kodak" a new play which was written for this company, is a wonder, being full of life and fun from start to finish. Mr. Ferd Noss as a manager is certainly very successful in his productions, no doubt due a great deal to his careful selection, being in constant communication with New York agents, and knowing exactly what he wants. An admirable list of players has been engaged for this season. The stage settings, costumes and scenic effects will be appropriate and up to the usual high standing. A continued ripple of merriment is sure to be heard in the audience, testifying to its enjoyment.

The Watson sisters will draw large audiences tonight, their performance being unique in its line, the trapeze work being electrifying.

Savoy Theatre Souvenirs.

Tonight every lady in the audience at our popular Savoy theatre will receive an autograph photograph of Mrs. Georgie Dickson, the versatile and talented character actress of the Savoy company. Mrs. Dickson has done some very clever and finished work in the different characters she has essayed.

She understands herself thoroughly and is considered as good a character artist as there is in the business, she having been with some of the very best of companies, both stock and travelling, and Lowellites are to be congratulated on the fact that Mr. Weston was enabled to secure her services. She is to be seen this evening as the cold and haughty "Marquise," in the great comedy of "Caste," and it needs but to be said that she is seen at her best in this part.

Mr. Weston played the leading role last evening for the first time this week, his sudden attack of illness on Monday evening preventing his appearance before. He was very successful in the part and his appearance was welcomed in an enthusiastic manner by the large audience present. He will appear in the same role tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening only.

The different members of the company have their characters to perfection and a very smooth and charming performance is given.

The comedy is one which holds the close attention of the audience from start to finish, and is sparkling with good points, and should be seen by all lovers of good plays well given.

A FINAL BANQUET.

Held at Old Yellow Meeting House Dracut, Last Evening.

The historic Old Yellow Meeting house is soon to have its identity in the prayers of time and no longer will be the "old" meeting house but a new and 20th century one. To mark the final social event in the old vestry, a banquet was held last evening, and over 500 persons partook of an old fashioned supper which was served at 8 o'clock. Calvin Richardson welcomed the guests, and prayer was offered by Rev. E. L. Baker.

When the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, Mr. Richardson called to order and introduced Walter Hall for an address of welcome.

The toastmaster was Hon. Solon W. Stevens.

Rev. Mr. Nason of Billerica reviewed in eloquent words the history of the church after which Rev. George H. Johnson, Rev. Dr. Cyrus Richardson of Nashua and Hon. George A. Marden made addresses. Handsome calendars bearing excellent likenesses of the old and new Yellow Meeting houses were circulated by the young ladies and met with a ready sale.

Mayor Quincy's Opinion.

Mayor Quincy frankly writes to the Chicago Times-Herald that lack of management or bad management contributed not a little to the defeat of Mr. Bryan, while the skill with which the republican campaign was managed from the start and the thorough and efficient work of the party organization were large factors in bringing about the result. All the same he thinks the figures indicate that the campaign could have had only one result in any case.

Mayor Quincy omits to mention the vast amount of money spent by republicans and the defection of gold democrats, like himself.

LATEST

DAMAGING TESTIMONY

Brought Out Today in the Bram Case.
By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 18.—The fact that Charles W. Brown of crew Herbert Fuller was to testify in the Bram murder trial this morning served to fill the court room with spectators. Brown was at the wheel at the time the murder was committed and alleged he saw the crime committed. He was put in irons by the crew on suspicion. No bill was found against him at the time Bram was indicted. Brown told the story of the murder of the captain in detail, stating he saw through a window where he was attracted by noise. He saw Mate Bram, axe in hand, strike several blows. Soon after he heard a scream, then in a few moments Bram appeared on deck and passed by Brown at the wheel. "I thought he was going to kill me," said Brown. In the morning he was summoned with others and told of the murder. He gave a detailed description of the removal of the bodies to the boat taken in tow. Bram apparently was unmoved by Brown's story.

Way of the Transgressor.
By Associated Press to the Sun.

Oxford, England, Dec. 18—Arthur Platt, serving six months at Oxford jail for burglary, as he was leaving the institution this morning was arrested on a charge of murdering Jesse Tyree at the Insane asylum, Lexington, Ky., Dec. '85.

Spain's Other Quarrel.
By Associated Press to the Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—Four additional battalions of Spanish troops embarked for the Phillipine islands, yesterday, and Gen. Polavieja asks for re-inforcements of ten more battalions.

THE JUVENILE SESSION

IN JUDGE HADLEY'S COURT TODAY.

A Youthful Offender Fined Five Dollars—Other Cases.

Nine children took up an hour of the court's time this morning over a trivial assault case in which Walter Lamountain gave Arthur Cashin, a high school chap a real hard punch in the face causing the blood to flow. Cashin is one of these real good story book boys and when Lamountain dented his face he merely said: "Though you may strike real hard right on the face I shall not raise my hand against you." Cashin will be a bank cashier some day. It seems that the boys and girls were playing "bull in the ring" when Lamountain's little brother and another little shaver started a bull fight among themselves just to add spice to the occasion. The big Lamountain boy took sides with the brother and Daisy Smith, who was armed with a stick, went under the other boy's flag. Lamountain, the big boy, very unchivalrously took all the fight out of Daisy and then noble Arthur Cashin, who wears long hair and plays foot ball, came to the rescue and when Lamountain threatened to kick somebody, Cashin cried, "I'll do all the kicking," or words to that effect. Then Lamountain and Cashin argued the point and Cashin putting his face up to Lamountain said: "Hit me, hit me," three or four times. Of course he didn't mean to hit him three or four times and Lamountain knowing this only hit him once connecting with his face in a manner that drove tears to his eyes, blood to his nose and took all the kink out of his curls. Then the bull fighters all ran for Lamountain, and Lamountain ran for home.

The Cashin boy's folks had Lamountain arrested. Lamountain had Dan Donahue appear for him. Judge Hadley had the case recited before him, and now the county has $5 that used to belong to Lamountain's folks, and Lamountain can't play in the Cashin boy's yard any more, while the Cashin boy must look up another rain barrel to yell through.

Four drunks, all fined $1 each. Nothing else.

The contractors on the Erie canal work secured protection for their men, and started a small force this morning at Syracuse, N. Y.

TURNED AROUND.
It used to be the other end of the town for the nice, exclusive things in Clothing and Furnishings, but now it's "Fashion Corner," said a man whose attention was attracted by the elegant window display at the Merrimack Clothing Co. Today we have some Christmas suggestions to offer in the shape of
HANDKERCHIEFS.
Linen Initial, 25c.; Japanette Initial, 15c. or 2 for 25c.; Silk Initial, 25c. 50c. to $1 Fancy Colored Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs in great variety.
MUFFLERS.
Cashmere and Silk Mufflers at from 25c. to $2.50, with all the prices between, in rich colorings and beautiful designs.
NECKWEAR.
Never before showed such a complete line of seasonable Neckwear from 25c. to $1.00. Our 50c. line is strong and includes all shapes. Rich "Ascots" and "Puff" as well as "Tecks," Four-in-Hands, Bands, Bows and Ties. Our 50c. Puffs made from an extra heavy satin in rich designs and is easily mistaken for the $1 kind.
MERRIMACK Fashion Corner
Opp. City Hall CLOTH'G CO.

AN ELECTION BET

Lieut. McNulty Risked Supper and Won.

LOWELL AND NASHUA JOIN HANDS AT BANQUET.

Speeches on Politics and Other Matters.

A very pleasant event arising from Mayor Courtney's victory took place at the St. Lawrence hotel last evening in the form of a banquet at which Lowell and Nashua united.

It was a supper in payment of an election bet made by Joseph Salvail of Nashua, N. H., that Col. Bennett would be elected Mayor of Lowell.

Lieut. McNulty, clerk of the St. Lawrence hotel, took the bet and last night it was paid in the most generous and cordial manner.

The affair, unimportant though it was, brought together a little party of prominent men chief of which were the following:

From Nashua—Charles R. Cronkrite, St. James hotel; Joseph Salvail, Nazaire Salvail, G. O. Roy, druggist; F. A. Brunelle, Rep. H. Ledoux, Rep. Joseph Garvey, Charles Dudley, assessor; Edward Farmer, Alderman-Elect Ingham, Alderman-Elect John B. Maguire, C. M. Salvail, Councilman J. A. Landry, Dave Dallaire, Dr. E. H. Everett, chairman democratic committee; J. E. Perkins, N. Cummings, Edmund Cote, M. Belisle, Abram Farryall, Fred Richard, D. B. Lerait.

Among those from Lowell were Henry S. Courtney, John J. Curtin, William F. Curtin, Mr. Brady, John F. Curtis, Lieut. Philip McNulty, J. Henry Collins, Edward Gallagher, Aime Gauthier, Clovis Belanger, Col. Carmichael, Mr. Roy, S. Renaud, Jr. Philip Desmarais, Dr. Gagnon, C. H. Chagnon, E. M. Hill and a few others.

LIEUT. PHILIP McNULTY,
St. Lawrence Hotel.

Mr. Ledoux of Nashua was toastmaster, and after the bountiful spread had been discussed at length, speech making was begun.

The toastmaster opened by expressing his delight that such a gathering of prominent men from both cities had come together. He hoped it would inaugurate a more friendly feeling if not a union between both cities.

Henry S. Courtney was called upon. He regretted the inability of the mayor to be present. He was glad to meet Nashua men. He appreciated the fact that the French vote had much to do with his brother's victory. He hoped it was but an indication of a movement which would bring the French people over where they belonged with the democratic party.

Wm. F. Curtin said that an analysis of the vote for mayor showed that the French voted pretty solidly for Courtney.

Col. Carmichael made a pointed speech on the significance of the occasion.

Dr. Everett, the chairman of the city committee of Nashua, made a comical speech stating that the Nashua men were glad they lost the bet and that a good democrat was elected mayor. He referred to the efforts by which a democratic mayor was elected in Nashua and it could be inferred that he was no small factor in the case.

The other speakers were Thomas E. Ingham, Dr. Gagnon, Philip Desmarais, Mr. Chagnon, Assessor Dudley of Nashua, J. H. Collins, Lieut. McNulty and Mr. Salvail, who furnished the supper.

One of the speakers stated that the French people held the balance of power, politically speaking, in Lowell, and if they used it aright they could dictate to the other two parties. He also proposed the annexation of Nashua in order to perfect the union and to complete the greater Lowell.

Lieut. McNulty took the bet at a time when it was rumored about the city that Col. Bennett would surely be elected. He is the gentleman who has been prominent in the military wrangle with Capt. Mitten. He is one of the most popular military men in the city.

The Hadley orchestra furnished music and the occasion was highly enjoyed.

Whist Party.

The Nonpareil whist club met at the residence of T. J. Kennedy, corner of Bowers and Fletcher streets, last evening. There were four tables. The games were started 8 o'clock and at 10 p. m. the party was summoned to the dining room where Mrs. Kennedy had prepared a dainty spread.

Music and singing followed and then the prizes were awarded to Edward Teague and Mis Alice Doherty for having the largest score, thus closing another pleasant evening for the Nonpareils.

Chief of Fire Department.

Editor Sun:

What's the matter with ex-Chief Britton for chief engineer? He is a fireman and knows the duty of a fireman.

J. E. Hill could also fill the place.

CITIZEN.

When you need printing remember The Sun.

THE SUN EXTRA

5 O'CLOCK

ALL FAVOR CUBA

Secretary Onley Could Not Dissuade Committee.

FROM REPORTING RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE CUBA.

It Will Pass Both Branches With a Whoop.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Washington, Dec. 18—The foreign relations committee of the senate today agreed to report to the senate the cameron resolution, recognizing the independence of the republic of Cuba, and favoring the friendly offices of the United States, bringing to a close the war between Spain and Cuba. The resolution was even changed to add emphasis and as agreed upon says the United States will use its friendly offices to end the war.

Sec. Onley's Argument.
By Associated Press to the Sun.

Washington, Dec. 18—Secretary Onley appeared before the senate committee on foreign relations today, in secret conference on the Cuban question. It is understood that the tendency of secretary's advice was against any precipitate action, but, the advocates of the Cameron resolution were not inclined to change the determination to report the resolution and finally voted in favor of it.

The agreement to report the Cameron resolution was reached immediately after Olney left the room and without a division or any expressed difference of opinion.

MARIA BARBERI MISSING.

Italian Girl Acquitted of Murder Has Disappeared Mysteriously.
By Associated Press to the Sun.

New York, Dec. 18.—Maria Barberi, the Italian girl acquitted of the murder of Domenico Cataldo, her lover, has disappeared. At noon today her family could find no trace of her.

A Crank's Freak.
By Associated Press to the Sun.

New York, Dec. 18.—A crank called for Mrs. Hetty Green at Hotel St. George last night claiming to be her son. Mrs. Green was out and by the strange actions made by the man, it was evident that he was in the class of cranks, he was forcibly landed in a snow bank outside the hotel.

An Incendiary Fire.
By Associated Press to the Sun.

Needham, Mass., Dec. 18.—The residence of Howard A. Flewlind was destroyed by fire early this morning. It is supposed to be incendiary. An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday. There is no trace of the incendiary.

What Morgan Says.
By Associated Press to the Sun.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator Morgan says resolution to recognize the independence of Cuba will pass the senate by a two thirds majority and the house five to one.

Secretary Olney argued against recognizing Cuba from 10 o'clock to 1 p. m. His plea is that Spain could form an alliance with other European powers in opposing the United States in Cuba.

The Latest Details.
By Associated Press to the Sun.

Maynard, Mass., Dec. 18.—The body of John Dean, the farmer who was mysteriously murdered in his home here last night still lay on the floor this morning awaiting the arrival of the medical examiner. There is still no clew to the identity of the murderer. It is believed the murderer hid behind the door and waited for Dean's return from the barn. His head and face were terribly cut and bruised, and all the wounds were inflicted with a three-pound woodman's axe, taken from the wood shed on the premises. There is nothing about the house to indicate a struggle.

Three Murderers Lynched.
By Associated Press to the Sun.

Russellville, Ky., Dec. 18.—The mob that belongured the jail all night, early this morning took Arch, Dink and Bill Proctor out of jail, lynched two of them and shot the other to death. Arch killed two men, Doc and Aaron Crofton of Adairsville, Nov. 24th, 1895, and the brothers were accessories. All had three trials.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

James Smith, colored, was hanged at Marlboro, Md. at 10.32 this morning for the murder of Margaret Brown last July.

The body of Alexander Herrman, the magician arrived in New York. Funeral will probably take place Sunday, from Masonic temple.

Rev. Benjamin Trego of St. John's Episcopal church, Saginaw, Mich., has resigned. He leaves the ministry on Jan. 1st to take up the stage, of which he has long been an ardent student, having written several meritorious plays.

Fr. O'Brien's Mother Dead.

News has been received of the death of the mother of Rev. William O'Brien, pastor of St. Michael's church. Her death occurred at Neenagh, Ireland, on Tuesday.

In preparing for the holidays, articles for ladies' use were thought of, as well as men's.
EVENING DRESS PROTECTORS Beautiful white silk brocade, lined with white satin, exquisite creations, $3.00.
SILK And Gloria Umbrellas, close roll, $1.50 to $5.00.
WATCHES—Gold plated, open and hunting cases, and steel chatelaines, stem winders, $2.95 to $5.95.
MEN'S DRESS SUIT CASES—Solid sole leather, steel frame, 22, 24 and 26 inch, at $4.75, $5.00 and $5.50.
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166 Central Street.

ROYAL ARCANUM AMENITIES

A FINE ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTED LAST NIGHT.

Chintia, a Musical Comedy, by Members of the Council and Arranged by Mr. Wilcox.

By invitation last night Lowell Council Royal Arcanum, had as guests members of the grand board, consisting of Grand Regent A. W. David of Lowell, Grand Vice Regent Clark of Andover, Grand Orator A. G. Walsh of Lowell, Grand Secretary Herbert A. Boynton of Newtonville, Grand Treasurer John F. Hayes of Somerville, Grand Guide Franckes Dickinson of Springfield, Grand Warden Daniel R. Bickford of Jamaica Plain, Grand Sentry Wm. A. Baker of Roxbury, John E. McKenney of Waltham, member of committee on laws of the grand council, Past Regent Houghton, and Regent elect Hagan of Lawrence, and the officers of the three local councils, Billerica, Methuen and Andover councils. The comedy was finely presented by the following cast:

King Ki Ki, Prince Imperial of Bucchanalia, J. S. Jackson
Prince Jag, Member of the Hogans..B. A. Griffiths
Martial, One of the Kempton Degree Staff, E. E. Wirt
Piper Hide-and-Seek, an importation from Lawrence.....F. A. Wilcox
Marguerite, a Rum-antic Damsel, Z. W. Sturtevant
Col. Boose, Commander of the Sons of Rest, Robert Leatham, Jr
Brer. Jackson } Members of the Thompson St. Poker Club { E. G. Butterfield
Brer. Rabbitt } Poker Club { F. A. Baker
Duke De Soak, a District Attorney in Disguise, H. E. Webster
New Marquerite, who Yanks the Bun, the Roll, etc.....J. S. Westwood

The extravaganza was arranged by F. A. Wilcox and took the audience by storm. After the musical program the company repaired to the banquet hall where plates were laid for 350. After the disposal of the menu and the lighting of cigars, remarks were made by members of the board: David, Walsh, Clark, Boynton and Regent Maynard of Highland council, orator of Centralville council, and Rev. Father McKenna of Industry council. Regent Bowen may feel proud of the closing entertainment of his year of office.

Phinney-Pearson.

Mr. Leslie Pratt Phinney of Boston and Miss Hannah Eddy Pearson were married last night at St. Andrew's Episcopal church of Louisville. Rev. Dr. Mason, rector of the church, officiated. Postmaster Pearson of Lowell was best man.

A reception followed the wedding, and later the bridal party left for the east. The bride is the daughter of City Engineer J. H. Pearson, who moved here from Boston many years ago.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Following its usual custom and to accommodate its patrons and the merchants of Lowell, the Traders' National bank will open Thursday evening, before Christmas, from 7.30 to 9.30 o'clock to make change and payments and to receive deposits. Banking rooms, cor. Middlesex street and Post Office avenue.

$20 A very good Square Piano for beginners. Call now. GEORGE A. CARDNER, 20 Prescott St.

MILL KINDLING IS DEAR when you buy of a dealer who sends his team out with a false bottom. We will give you $5 for every load you find leaving our yard fixed that way. Our load is the big load. WM. COGGER, 23 Concord street.

REMEMBER
When you are giving Holiday Gifts, that you wish to give articles that will prove to your friends good values and not have face value alone. Goods sold by us are as represented in every particular.
NIBLOCKS

LOST.—A sum of money. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning to Carrier 1, Lowell post office.

FOR SALE.—First-class saloon, doing a good business. Best of reasons given for selling. It will pay parties wanting a good place to investigate. Address Lock Box 1078, Meriden, Conn.

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A STUDY IN CITY ELECTION FIGURES.

The figures of the last city election furnish some noticeable features which may assist the politicians next year in arriving at correct estimates as to party strength. At the outstart the question arises, how can you find the closest approximate vote of each party? Some say by averaging the aldermanic vote of each party, others by averaging the councilmanic vote of each.

Our own opinion is, that an average of the aldermanic vote on each ticket would not give the relative party vote with any great approach to accuracy.

The average republican vote was 6657, the average democratic vote 6317, which gives a republican majority of 360.

The tendency to cut the aldermanic ticket among the democrats, due to various causes, goes to prove that the republican majority is greater than 360.

The vote received by either candidate for mayor was misleading. Mayor Courtney polled much more than the strength of his own party, Col. Bennett consequently less than his party vote.

It might be supposed that Mr. Barnard, the candidate for purchasing agent, received the full republican vote and very little if any over that vote. It will be interesting, therefore, to make a comparison of the mayoralty vote, together with that for purchasing agent and the average councilmanic vote for each party in the different wards and throughout the city as follows:

	Rep.	Dem
Ward 1—Mayor	744	645
Purchasing agent	784	606
Councilmanic average	795	621
Ward 2—Mayor	298	1033
Purchasing agent	306	941
Councilmanic average	272	1030
Ward 3—Mayor	1097	548
Purchasing agent	1059	491
Councilmanic average	1137	387
Ward 4—Mayor	595	1138
Purchasing agent	415	1042
Councilmanic average	540	1129
Ward 5—Mayor	415	974
Purchasing agent	397	998
Councilmanic average	393	994
Ward 6—Mayor	762	765
Purchasing agent	863	605
Councilmanic average	892	611
Ward 7—Mayor	801	727
Purchasing agent	876	675
Councilmanic average	959	606
Ward 8—Mayor	1153	426
Purchasing agent	1205	340
Councilmanic average	1269	320
Ward 9—Mayor	733	722
Purchasing agent	828	674
Councilmanic average	820	637

Average Councilmanic Vote by Wards.

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Totals	6916	6145

The republican average councilmanic vote, therefore, is 6916; the democratic average, 6145 showing a republican majority of 771.

Mr. Barnard received 6732, Mr. Foye 6912. Barnard's majority, 820 or 75 votes over the republican aldermanic average while Mr. Foye's vote was 405 below the average for democratic aldermen. Barnard ran ahead of his ticket, Mr. Foye ran behind his ticket.

The average democratic vote for aldermen exceeds the average for the councilmen in all wards by 172 votes which is probably due to the carelessness of democrats in strongly republican wards where there is no chance for election. But to average these averages for the two parties we get the republican vote, 6787; the democratic, 6231; republican majority 556.

Taking this as the republican majority in the city it would appear that Mayor Courtney received 742 votes over the democratic average of 6231.

But if the blanks be reckoned it would be safe to say that the party strength would be fairly represented at 7971 republican, 7295 democratic, the total vote being 15,176.

Republicans elected seven of the twelve aldermen in Boston. The democratic majority has a minority representation, all they deserve, considering their disloyalty to party. The police commission will eventually keep Boston continually under republican rule.

We propose as a committee of arbitration to settle all disputes between the Mail and the Courier, Rev. Hugh Montgomery, Rev. W. W. Jackson and Farmer Daniels of Tewksbury.

The farmers of New England are making an effort to promote the work of opening up the deserted farms. When manufacturing fails agriculture is the chief substitute.

Secretary Smith of the board of trade, read an essay on municipal government at the meeting Tuesday night. He is attaining prominence as a municipal inquisitor.

Philip J. Farley, Esq., has been again appointed trustee of the public library. He deserved a reappointment and no better choice could be made.

The A.P.A. is dead in Chelsea and alive nowhere else that we know of in this state.

THE BILL PASSED

As Submitted by U. S. Senator Lodge.

THE INHABITANTS OF CUBA ARE EXEMPTED.

All Immigrants Must Read and Write.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate yesterday passed the immigration bill, known as the Lodge bill, with a new section, providing that the exclusion shall not apply to persons arriving from Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there. The strength of the bill was greater than had been expected, the final vote being 52 to 10. As passed, the bill amends the immigration laws so as to exclude from admission to the United States all persons over 16 years of age who cannot read and write the language of their native country, or some other language, but an admissible immigrant over the age of 16 years may bring in with him, or send for, his wife or parent, or grand parent, or minor child or grandchild, notwithstanding their inability to read or write.

For the purpose of testing the ability of the immigrant to read and write, as required by the foregoing section, the inspection officers shall be furnished copies of the constitution of the United States, printed in numbered, uniform pasteboard slips, each containing five lines of the constitution printed in the various languages of the immigrants in double small pica type. These slips shall be kept in boxes made for that purpose, and so constructed as to conceal the slips from view, each box to contain slips of but one language, and the immigrant may designate the language in which he prefers the test shall be made. Each immigrant shall be required to draw one of these slips from the box and read, and afterward write out, in full view of the immigration officers, the five lines printed thereon. The slip shall be returned to the box immediately after the test is finished, and the contents of the box shall be taken up by an inspection officer before another decision is made. No immigrant failing to read and write out the slip thus drawn by him shall be admitted, but he shall be returned to the country from whence he came, at the expense of the steamship or railroad company which brought him, as now provided by law. The inspection officers shall keep in each box at all times a full number of these printed pasteboard slips, and in the case of each excluded immigrant shall keep a certified memorandum of the number of the slip which the immigrant failed to read or copy in writing.

The Cuban section added to the bill provides that the act shall not apply to persons arriving in the United States from any part or place in the Island of Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there, provided that such persons have heretofore been inhabitants of that island.

An amendment of Mr. Elkins, proposing a $10 head tax on immigrants coming in other than by American ships, occasioned considerable debate, and was finally tabled, as were several other amendments. The immigrant measure now goes into conference, as the bill passed yesterday is a substitute for the Corliss-McCall bill passed by the house.

The house yesterday passed the third of the regular appropriation bills (that for the support of the army), and entered upon the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial bill. The latter bill carries $21,669,369 or $36,369 more than the law for the current year. Fair progress was made yesterday. It is expected that this bill and the military academy appropriation bill will be passed before the holiday recess. The army bill, as passed, makes no provision for the army and navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

The house also passed several bills relating to the District of Columbia, and three resolutions for the use of flags of the war department, government reservations, etc., on the occasion of Mr. McKinley's inauguration.

Fire at Berlin.

Berlin, N. H., Dec. 18.—Part of the plant of the Glen Manufacturing company was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The burned property was known as stockhouse C, and was filled with paper, pulp and supplies. The building burned quickly, and for a time adjoining property was threatened. It is thought that the fire was set by tramps, although there is another theory that it was caused by spontaneous combustion. The loss is estimated at $8000, and is covered by insurance.

Bayard Presents School Prizes.

Bristol, Dec. 18.—The chamber of commerce of Bristol gave a luncheon yesterday in the hall of the grammar school, at which the mayor, high sheriff and the master of the Merchants'-Venturers' technical college and about 200 British notabilities were present. The United States ambassador, Thomas F. Bayard, who had been invited to present the prizes to the students, met with an enthusiastic reception.

Devouring Flames at Cambridge.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 18.—A fire which did $20,000 in damage broke out in the four-story building occupied by the furniture firm of Rourke & Kennedy and the laundry of Earle & Rogers, in the heart of the city, last night. The building was gutted, and adjoining property was threatened for a long time. The firms suffer $5000 loss, and Dr. George R. Southwick of Boston $15,000 loss on the building. All are insured.

Killed by a Falling Shed.

Boston, Dec. 18.—A coal shed on the wharf of Chapin, Wood & Co., Atlantic avenue, this city, collapsed at 3 o'clock yesterday. J. N. Haskins was killed, and James McDowell, John Carle and Joseph McDonald were injured.

A Mill Hand Killed.

Berlin, N. H., Dec. 18.—Eli King, an employe of the Berlin mills, was killed yesterday afternoon by the breaking of a rope on the "log haul," the block used in pulling up logs striking him on the head. He leaves a widow and three children.

HOOD'S Sarsaparilla has over and over again proved by its cures, when all other preparations failed, that it is the One True BLOOD Purifier.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

President-elect McKinley is in Chicago.

The Detroit College of Medicine was burned.

A fearful typhus epidemic is raging at Pola, Austria.

Secretary Carlisle's report will be ready Saturday.

United Mine Workers will meet at Columbus, O., Jan. 12.

The working force at Brooklyn navy yard is to be reduced.

Dr. Adolph Deucher has been elected President of Switzerland.

The Casino at Schenley park, Oakland, Pa., burned; loss, $500,000.

The world's wheat crop is reported to be short 200,000,000 bushels.

The Bavarian Star brewery of New York city has been placed in receivers hands.

The National Wool Growers' association at Washington has adjourned to Jan. 4.

Citizens of Marblehead, Mass., presented a set of colors to the cruiser of that name.

Henry Watterson, the Louisville editor, says the task of the east is to reconcile capital with labor.

Volunteer companies from different parts of the country continue to offer their services to Cuba.

Quigley & Mullen, wholesale grocers at Wilmington, Del., failed. Judgments entered amount to $710,000.

Mrs. Abbott Young fell down stairs at her home at Hampton, N. H., and sustained serious injuries. She will probably die.

Henry Hobel, a well-known poultry dealer, was the victim of a daring attempt at robbery at his home in Northville, Mass.

M. A. De Boucando, commercial manager in Paris of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique (French steamship company), is dead.

The number of immigrants arriving in Canada for the past year was 21,341. Of this number, 7214 were destined for United States points.

George S. Kingsbury, 65 years of age, committed suicide yesterday at Boston by shooting himself through the right temple. Mr. Kingsbury was a native of Keene, N. H.

Signor Chiarada, a member of the Italian chamber of deputies, has been chosen as a delegate to the International Postal congress, which meets at Washington next year.

Postmaster F. F. Hetsch of Newport, Ky., was missing from his office yesterday, and his place was taken by his brothers, who are his bondsmen. His accounts are $6000 short.

A freight train on the Fitchburg railroad was wrecked between Keene and East Westmoreland, N. H., yesterday. Fred Mercier and John Tire, two workmen, were severely injured.

Carlo Magno, the Italian, who killed Charles W. Prescott at Somerville, Mass., was arraigned. He pleaded not guilty. The prisoner's appearance indicated that he had been handled roughly.

The presidential inauguration committee at Washington has already begun to receive applications from civil and military organizations in different parts of the country for places in the great parade.

Judge McIntyre, in Middlesex probate court, Cambridge, granted a petition of the children of Horatio G. Parker, the well-known Cambridge lawyer, to have a guardian appointed for their father. Parker is non compos mentis.

Mrs. Martha McGill and her 16-year-old daughter, Esther, were killed while crossing a railroad trestle at Crawfordville, Ind. They were within 10 feet of the bank when Miss Esther slipped and fell between the ties. Mrs. McGill lost her life in trying to save her daughter.

John M. Hammond, a farmer, and formerly general superintendent of the freight department of the Erie at Buffalo, was instantly killed in front of the Lake Shore station yesterday at Northeast, Pa., by attempting to crawl under a standing train, which suddenly started up and caught him under the wheels.

The Pond will case is again agitating the citizens of Hartford. The city is beneficiary under the will, to the exclusion of the testator's son. The city council recently passed a secret resolution to compromise with young Pond for $25,000. Mayor Preston signed the compromise. Citizens will enjoin the mayor and council paying the $25,000.

Governor Wolcott of Massachusetts has refused to honor the requisition papers requesting the surrender to the New York authorities of Mrs. Annie Dupont of Boston, who was recently arrested as an alleged fugitive from justice, after she had been convicted of stealing 10 cents from a dry goods firm. The New York charge is that of embezzlement from the firm of R. H. Macy & Co.

ROBBED IN BOSTON.

Impossible to Obtain Proof of His Death—Wexler Worried.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Mayer Herzog, 21 years old, of 54 East Ninety-third street, New York, lost or had stolen last night a pocketbook containing $15,000 in loose diamonds, while on his way from Hanover street to the Park theater. Herzog has been in the city for the past day or two as the representative of his father, Abraham S. Herzog of New York, and during his stay in this city has made his headquarters at the Adams House.

He claims to have made visits to a number of jewelry stores about the city yesterday, and about 6 o'clock last night started back toward the hotel. He is quite positive that on leaving Hanover street he had the diamonds in his pocketbook, and both secure in his inside pocket. Stopping once or twice on his way up Washington street, he arrived at the hotel about 7 o'clock, and after dining, went to the Park theater with some personal friends. It was here, about 10 o'clock, that he discovered that his pocketbook and the diamonds were missing, and although a careful search was made in the theater, no trace of them could be found. The police were at once notified.

Herzog is unable to say whether he left the diamonds in some store, or had them stolen from his pocket. As he is a man of careful habits, it seems probable that they were stolen.

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A bust of Mrs. Mary D. Converse, wife of Hon. E. S. Converse, was unveiled in the Baptist church at Malden, Mass. The bust, which is by Samuel J. Kitson, is a gift to the Converse library by the ladies of the city.

THE ARMENIAN ORPHANS

UNDER TWELVE YEARS NUMBER OVER 50,000.

The Christian World Considering What Will Be Done With Them.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The full extent of the Armenian massacres is indicated in a report to the state department by United States Consul Bergholz, at Erzeroum, wherein he says:

"The number of Armenian children under 12 years of age made orphans by the massacres of 1895 is 50,000, according to the estimates of the missionaries. The question of what shall be done with these orphans is receiving the attention of the Christian world. The American board of commissioners is giving the matter serious thought. It has formulated no general plan of relief, although the question of creating orphanages, clothing factories and industrial institutions, is under consideration. German charitable or religious societies are preparing to establish industrial orphan asylums at Oorpha, Cesarea and elsewhere, and the Kaisersworth deaconnesses of Germany have made provision for receiving Armenian orphans at Smyrna, and 30 have been sent there from here. The British government, or its ambassador at Constantinople, has initiated a movement leading toward settling a number of widows and their children on the Island of Cyprus, more particularly, at present at least, those within the province of Erzeroum, which number in the cities of Erzeroum, Erzingan and Bailbourt, 2049, who are without means and are recipients of relief. In Erzeroum there are 150 widows and 700 children; in Erzingan 100 widows with 450 children, and at Bailbourt 119 widows with 500 children. The widows of Bailbourt are in particularly distressing circumstances, not a male adult remaining. No active steps as yet have been taken to carry out this philanthropic movement beyond requesting the relief committee of the province to ascertain if the widows are willing to leave. I think the offer will be gladly accepted.

CORBETT AND FITZ

Will Sign Articles For a Fight For $15,000.

New York, Dec. 18.—Dan A. Stuart of Dallas, James J. Corbett, the pugilist, and a large crowd of New York sporting men met yesterday afternoon in Jersey City, where it was announced that Corbett would sign articles to fight Bob Fitzsimmons for the world's championship. Not much time was lost in getting down to business. No representative of Fitzsimmons was present, but Stuart said he is familiar with the articles, and that he will sign them without delay. Corbett signed the articles, which call for a finish fight for a purse of $15,000, the winner to take all. As a guarantee that Fitzsimmons and Corbett will both be at the ring side on the day of the contest, each must post $2500, either with Richard K. Fox or Al Smith. This is to go to Stuart in case either fails to appear. Stuart agrees to post $5000 that he will pull off the fight, which is to be equally divided between the two men if he does not pull off the fight on the date named. He will also put $10,000 in the hands of either Fox or Smith 30 days before the date set for the contest, and if the fight does not come off through his failure, he will forfeit this money—$5000 going to Fitzsimmons and $5000 to Corbett. George Siler of Chicago is named as referee of the contest. The fight is set for March 17, 1897. The place will be named on Feb. 17. Fitzsimmons said at San Francisco last night he would sign as soon as the articles reach him.

KILLED BY FALL

From a Scaffold in Needham, Mass.

Needham, Mass., Dec. 18.—Beaumont Dyson, a policeman of this town, fell from a staging of a building in course of erection yesterday afternoon, and was fatally injured. Dyson weighed over 200 pounds, and the fall caused a fracture of the vertabrae and paralysis. He is still alive, but very low.

BOSTON MAN KILLED

By Collapse of a Coal Shed.

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 18.—While the Missouri, Kansas and Texas flyer was approaching Sedalia yesterday morning, three men boarded the train further up the road, and commenced to rob the passengers in the chair car. The three escaped with a small amount of jewelry.

Final Session of Connecticut Farmers.

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 18.—The Connecticut farmers' convention, which, in connection with the state board of agriculture, has been in session here for the past two days, held its final session last night.

A LOCAL VETERAN

Talks of War and a Legacy That Was Left Him for His Share in it.

Like every city in our republic, Lowell has its share of veterans who in spite of pensions are paying dearly for the privilege that they had, enduring exposure hardships, toil, sickness and risk of death for the glory of their country in the "late unpleasantness." If the testimonials received from old soldiers who endorse all the claims made for Doan's Kidney Pills, and these same are now disappearing in the localities where they were unearthed, were published in Lowell they would fill every column of every newspaper in Lowell. There would be nothing gained by their publication for neither quantity or quality of foreign testimony can touch evidence. Read what Veteran Frank Leseweetz of 150 Dummer street says: "I served during the war in the New York Light Artillery and ever since I have had attacks of kidney trouble growing worse as the years went by. Weakness and pain in the back, sleepless nights and urinary troubles set in, and in spite of medicine I grew worse in place of better.

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How to Prepare Cauliflower Au Gratin.

Boil the cauliflower, drain, lay in a dish and pour over it a cup of drawn butter well seasoned. Sprinkle with four tablespoonfuls of grated cheese and brown by holding a redhot shovel so close to the cheese that it singes and takes fire. Blow out at once and send to table. If the juice of a lemon and a half teaspoonful of French mustard are added to a cupful of drawn butter and it is then poured over the boiled vegetable, it is called "cauliflower with sauce tartare."

How to Make Candied Lemon Peel.

As lemons are used, drop the yellow rind into a weak brine in a glass jar. When a dozen are thus pickled, they are freshened by putting them into cold water and letting them scald, changing the water once or twice to extract the salt. Boil them in the last water till they are thoroughly tender and drain; then make sirup enough to cover them out of slightly more than a pound of sugar and a pint of water, using always the same proportion of pint for pound. Cut the peel into pieces about half an inch square and drop them into the boiling sirup, which is allowed to cook slowly till the peel looks translucent; then keep them slowly steeping till the sirup has almost dried out of the peel, spread on plates, sprinkle with more sugar and put in a cool oven to complete the drying.

How to Prevent the Burning of Viands in the Oven.

Keep a small pan of water in the oven, refilling as often as necessary. If the oven is very hot, fill with cold instead of hot water.

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How often women wake up in the morning cheerful and happy, determined to do so much before the day ends, and yet:—

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Ladies' Jackets, lined through, 32 to 42, at January prices, $4.75.

Ladies' Jackets, Boucle or Beaver, (stunning) at January prices, $6.75.

Feather Boas, 49c. Thibet Boas, best quality, $2.25. Fur Collars, 98c., with tail trimming, $1.49, upwards.

Astrachan Fur Collerettes, $3.98. Krimmer $6.75. Real Marten, $9.50. Real Seal, $13.00.

Silk Waists, $2.25. Nobby Waists, $3.98. Fancy Waists, $4.75. Handsome Waists, $6. Woolen Plaid Waists, 98c. Black and White Check, $1.25. All Wool, $1 and up.

Mackintoshes, lined, $2.50. Plaid lining, wool top, $3.98. Latest and best, $5.75.

Skirts of all kinds, black, green, blue, purple, garnet, check, plaids, novelty, crepon, silk, etc., at the lowest prices.

From now until Jan. 1, we give with every purchase of $7.50 and up a handsome linen collar, ornamented with beautiful new style all silk ribbon. Every lady should have one. We have a great variety of shades which would be suitable to all complexions.

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BRUTAL MURDER

John Dean of Maynard Killed for Money.

HIS HEAD SPLIT OPEN WITH AN AXE.

He Had Recently Cashed a Large Check.

Maynard, Mass., Dec. 18.—John Dean, a peaceable and highly respected farmer, living just outside of this town, was brutally murdered yesterday afternoon. That robbery was the cause of the tragedy there is very little doubt, yet the murderer is neither known nor can be traced. The dead man's body was found in his kitchen by his two daughters when they returned from their daily employment at 5:30 o'clock last evening. The two daughters, coming from opposite directions on the road, met at the garden gate and entered the house together, wondering at the unusual stillness that seemed to prevail. They passed into the kitchen, and found there the body of their parent, the head fearfully wounded, and blood spattered over the floor and up one wall almost to the ceiling. Beside the body was a bloody ax owned by Mr. Dean, which had been used as an instrument of death.

It is believed that the tragedy occurred between 5 and 5:30 o'clock. It was Mr. Dean's custom to milk the cows at that hour, and as it is apparent that he had returned from the barn after performing his usual task, it seems quite evident that the murderer awaited him in the kitchen. There are no signs of a struggle. The ax had almost split his skull. Mr. Dean recently cashed a check for a large amount and brought the money home. This money cannot now be found.

On Monday night last, at a late hour, a man awoke the family by rapping on the front door and asked for a glass of water. Mr. Dean opened the front door, but not the screen door, and on his returning with the glass the strange visitor had disappeared. George Whitney, a nearby neighbor, saw a short, stout man, minus an overcoat, come from the Dean house about 5:45, and he seemed in a great hurry. As Mr. Dean is not known to have had any enemies, robbery seems the only theory. He leaves three daughters, one of whom is a milliner in this town.

Mr. Whitney says that the unknown man disappeared in the direction of Maynard. Dr. Rich was summoned from the village, and, in his opinion, the death occurred almost instantly, at about the time of day stated above. Dr. Rich promptly notified Medical Examiner Hoyt of Marlboro, and he drove at once to the scene of the tragedy. He will not have any report to make until today at least, and it is possible that he will withhold his statement until the state police can make a further investigation. The police were at once summoned by telegraph, and two officers arrived here last evening.

When the news of the tragedy became known quite a crowd of people visited the Dean homestead, but were not allowed admittance to the house.

His Work Appreciated.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Massachusetts delegation in the house last night gave a dinner to Hon. George Lyman, the chairman of the Republican state committee. Mr. Lyman has served in this capacity for two terms, and the dinner was given as an evidence of the appreciation felt by the delegation at the success which has attended his efforts in that position. Senators Lodge and Hoar of Massachusetts and Speaker Reed were the invited guests. All the members of the state delgation in the house were present except Messrs. Apsley, Barrett and Walker. The former is sick and was unable to attend, and Barrett sent a letter of regret. The dinner was entirely an informal affair, and there were no set speeches.

Uncle Sam's Cash Account

Washington, Dec. 18.—Yesterday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $226,155,515; gold reserve, $133,967,394; net silver, $18,479,442; United States notes in the treasury, $33,043,060; treasury notes of 1890, $37,884,820; total receipts yesterday, $858,001; total receipts this month, $15,300,351; total expenditures yesterday, $1,168,000; total expenditures this month, $17,093,000; deposits in national banks, $17,194,591.

Grange Committees Report.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 18.—The closing session of the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, was held here yesterday. The day was principally devoted to reports of committees. The transportation committee favored improvement of highways, and thought that a portion of the money expended each year for repairing roads should be used to build sections of permanent roadways, and also advocated a tax on bicycles for highway improvement.

Young Monks Testifies.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Young Lester H. Monks, who was a passenger on the barkentine Herbert Fuller when Captain Nash and his second mate were murdered, was on the witness stand all day yesterday. Cross-examined, Monks contradicted himself in regard to the statement of facts which was drawn up and signed by the crew on the night of the crime.

Company Criminally Negligent.

Providence, Dec. 18.—Coroner Lincoln has decided that the Narragansett Electric Lighting company was responsible for the death of William Eliot, who was killed, in September, by seizing a wire upon which the insulation had been worn. The coroner says that the company was aware that the covering had been worn out.

Whittier Celebration at Amesbury.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 18.—The anniversary of the birth of Poet John G. Whittier was observed here last night by a reception at the Y. M. C. A. hall. The affair was conducted by the Elizabeth H. Whittier club. Exercises in commemoration of the event were also held in all the public schools of the town yesterday.

Reports come from China of a revolt against the present government.

A receiver has been appointed for the Michigan Masonic Life association.

The Detroit metal factory was destroyed by an explosion. Loss, $75,000.

Pope Leo will ask McKinley to establish an American legation to the Vatican.

SEC. ONLEY'S CAUTION.

He Recommends That All Action In Congress Regarding Cuba Be Postponed.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Post says today: Secretary of State Olney has cautioned the members of the committee on foreign relations to go very slowly in regard to the Cuban question. The secretary urgently recommends that all action be postponed in congress until the end of the present campaign, when, if the Spaniards are not successful, he believes, as recommended in the president's message, that some form of practical intervention should be applied by the United States.

A majority of the members of the committee express ignorance of the intention of Mr. Olney to appear before the committee, but there is no doubt that he told Senator Sherman, who saw him yesterday, that he would be glad to appear at the committee's meeting, to throw all the light possible on the subject, for their guidance. It is the expectation of all the members of the committee that a vote will be reached at the meeting today on the Cameron resolution declaring for Cuban independence, and the friends of the resolution express no doubt that the resolution will receive the approval of a majority of the committee.

As Secretary Olney in his report to the president made a special point of the necessity of concealing the identity of the agents relied upon by the state department to keep it informed of the progress of events in Cuba, as well as the details of their reports, it is probable that he will give his information under pledge of secrecy, made necessary to ensure the safety of such consular officers in Cuba as may have served the department in a news capacity.

The intention of the majority of the members of the committee on foreign relations who intend to vote for the Cameron Cuban resolution is to vote to report the resolution today and allow it to remain on the senate calendar until after the holiday recess. Different senators have urged members of the foreign relations committee not to be hasty in the matter of acting on the Cuban resolutions, and suggest delay, but so far it has not influenced the majority members of the committee. The reply has been that the best way is to have the crisis, if it is to come, and get over with it as quickly as possible.

The Junta Believes Maceo Is Dead.

New York, Dec. 18.—Although the members of the Cuban junta in this city feel certain that Antonio Maceo has met his death, they are leaving nothing undone to find out just how he died. The renewed rumor that Maceo is alive owes its origin probably to these efforts on the part of the junta. The statement was made yesterday by Dr. J. Castillo that, in the opinion of the junta, there could be little doubt of Maceo's death, and that it was generally believed that he came to his death through treachery on the part of Dr. Zertucha. In order to learn the facts about the engagement in which the patriot was killed, emissaries have been sent from Habana to find the troops which he commanded.

Cuba Has Friends In France.

Paris, Dec. 18.—L'Intransigeant publishes a manifesto from the French committee for free Cuba, addressed to the Cubans, and accusing the Spanish government of the murder of Maceo, whose blood, it says, will fertilize the idea of Cuban liberty. It assures the insurgents of the sympathy of the grandsons of the French revolutionists, who proclaimed the rights of man. MM. Rochefort, Clovis Hughes and Ernest Roche are among the signers.

Sharkey Gets the Purse.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The fight between Sharkey and Fitzsimmons for possession of the $10,000 purse was concluded yesterday, when Judge Sanderson dissolved the injunction restraining the Anglo-California bank from cashing the check. Counsel for Sharkey called the attention of the court to the state law forbidding prize fighting, between which and a "glove contest," he maintained, there was difference, and he therefore argued that a case involving the possession of a purse for prize fighting had no standing in court. The judge concurred in this view, and said he would have terminated the proceedings earlier had that point been called to his judicial attention. The court held that under the California statute the civic board of supervisors had no more power to legalize a prize fight than to sanction a duel. The decision concluded as follows: "There is no question in my mind that the parties in this engagement or exhibition or whatever you call it—the complaint calls it a boxing contest—are indictable under the law, and that the people who witnessed it are amenable as lawbreakers."

Shot by a Thief.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—John Sheehan attempted to steal some geese last night from a coop in front of Mrs. Jennie Cohen's grocery store at Union and Liberty streets. The woman caught him in the act, and he shot at her. The bullet missed its mark, and struck Barnett Couper, an old man, squarely between the eyes, inflicting a fatal wound. Sheehan and a companion named Patrick Begley started to run, hotly pursued by a large number of men, women and children. Sheehan raised his revolver, and was about to fire into the crowd, when one of the women who was close behind him struck him on the head with a hatchet, fracturing the skull and inflicting injuries from which he will die. Officers arrived just in time to save the life of Begley, who was badly beaten.

Williams Alumni Banquet.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Williams Alumni association of the city of New York held its annual reunion at the Hotel Waldorf last night. About 150 graduates of the "old ivy clad college on the hills" were present, and made the dining hall ring with their class yells and college songs. The following are the newly elected officers of the association for 1896-97: President, Charles Bulkeley Hubbell; vice presidents, Walter Edmonds and Rev. William Grosvenor; secretary, Arthur W. Francis; treasurer, John Tatlock, Jr.; executive committee, J. Maus Schermerhorn, Edward S. Atwood, John Corwin, Frederick Geller, H. B. Adraince, Ellis J. Thomas and F. P. Kimball.

Maine Grange Adjourns.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 18.—Many of the grangers left Wednesday night and Thursday morning, therefore the closing day did not see the crowd it had the first of the week. The day was devoted mostly to reports, and also the appointing of committees. About 200 took advantage of the excursion to the National soldiers' home at Togus yesterday afternoon.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

U. S. COMMERCE

Tenth Annual Report of Interstate Commission.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Defects of the Statutes Now Apparent.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The 10th annual report of the interstate commerce commission, made public yesterday, speaks of three decisions rendered by the supreme court of the United States during the year, of special importance to the commission. In one case at least, the law, says the report, has been upheld and fortified in a most important particular, but the outcome of the others has either emphasized the defects of the statute or left its further interpretation so doubtful and uncertain as to increase the difficulties of efficient administration. The most far-reaching of these decisions was announced in March last in the case of the Texas and Pacific Railway company vs. interstate commerce commission, originally decided by the commission in January, 1891, and commonly known as the "import rate case." This proceeding was brought by the New York board of trade and transportation against the Pennsylvania Railroad company and others. The case practically raised the general question whether in the carriage of goods from American seaports, carriers subject to the act could lawfully charge less for the transportation of import than of domestic traffic of like kind to the same destination. The commission held that any difference in charge for like service as between foreign and domestic traffic was unlawful. The supreme court by a divided opinion reversed this opinion, and the commission remark that the construction of the act thus adopted opens the door to manifold abuses from which there is little protection and for which there is little redress under the law as now in force. They urge the necessity of amendatory legislation.

The next case referred to is the "social circle case," which arose on complaint of a firm of buggy manufacturers in Cincinnati against the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific, Western and Atlantic, and Georgia Railroad companies, alleging a violation of the long and short haul clause by a charge of $1.37 per 100 pounds on buggies to Social Circle, Ga., 52 miles east of Atlanta, while their rate for the longer distance through Social Circle to Augusta Ga., was only $1.07. The competition alleged to justify the lower rate for the longer haul included rail lines from Cincinnati, Baltimore and other points and water lines along the Atlantic coast connecting with rail lines from Charleston and other seaports. Although the supreme court did not, as it was hoped it would, enter upon a full construction of the meaning of the long and short haul provision, it did hold that whether the greater shorter-distance charge is justified "is one of fact peculiarly within the province of the commission." In this case, as in the import rate case, the fullest power to enforce the provisions of the act is conceded to the commission.

The third important case cited is "The Brown case," which involved the right of the commission to compel witnesses to testify. A full synopsis of this important decision is set forth in the report, and the commission says: "This decision seems to have effectually removed the embarrassments hitherto encountered in obtaining the testimony of unwilling witnesses in penal cases, and under it and the ruling of the supreme court in 1894, in the Brimson case, little difficulty is now experienced in securing the attendance and testimony of such witnesses in proceedings before the commission."

Prior to this decision it was impracticable in most cases to secure conviction, but now when any party to a criminal transaction can be forced to give evidence against his fellow wrongdoers and is under inducement to do so because of resulting immunity to himself, there seems to be no special difficulty in convicting transgressors under this statute, and the proposition to abolish punishment by imprisonment, as now provided for in the law, is opposed by the commission.

The practice of the commission to investigate grievances stated in letters from shippers or consignees continues to operate successfully. An investigation of irregular practices and rate-making methods of carriers of grain from points on the Missouri river to eastern destinations held during the year developed a system of arriving at charges less than those specified in published tariffs known as the "expense bill" system and otherwise called "protecting the through rate." Under this practice, grain brought from producing points to the Missouri river upon which local rates have been paid was afterward reshipped to Mississippi river points, Chicago and other points, at the difference between the through rate from the original point of shipment and the local rate to the Missouri river. The difference or balance was always less than the established rate for like service from Kansas City and other Missouri points to the eastern destination. As the questions involved in the inquiry are now under consideration by the commission, no opinion is expressed at this time on the methods and practices disclosed by the investigation.

The practice of ticket brokerage is referred to, and it is said this illegitimate traffic has become a positive scandal. The commission recommends that it be made a penal offense for any person to engage in the business of selling interstate passenger tickets unless he is an authorized agent of the carrier, duly constituted such by written appointment. Free passes are also denounced. The report closes by recommending a number of technical amendments to the interstate commerce law.

Twelve Negroes Shot.

Texarkana, Ark., Dec. 18.—Reliable information reaches here that a mob of white men made an attack on the negro laborers employed at a sawmill at Canfield. The whites fired on the blacks and 12 negroes were wounded and left all night without medical attention.

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DEATH OF HERRMAN.

The Magician Succumbs to Heart Disease While Traveling.

Rochester, Dec. 18.—Hermann, the magician, died at 11 o'clock yesterday in his private car at Great Valley, six miles this side of Salamanca. He was on his way to Bradford. The car was cut off the train at Salamanca and the remains have been forwarded to New York. Hermann had just completed an engagement at the Lyceum in this city last night, and had later been entertained at the Genesee Valley club by a number of his friends. Death was caused by heart disease.

Alexander Hermann was born in Paris in 1844. He followed in the footsteps of his father, S. Hermann, who was also a well-known magician in his time. He leaves a widow but no children.

He made his first appearance in America at the Academy of Music, New York city, in 1861, where he played 75 nights. Then, with his brother, he made a tour of the world. In 1867 his partnership with his brother was dissolved and Alexander started out for himself, making another tour of the world. He returned to this country in 1874, and remained until his death.

Tupper Talks.

London, Dec. 18.—The Daily Graphic publishes an interview with Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian high commissioner, in which he says: "Canada is quite prepared to take her part in the admiralty scheme for imperial defense outlined by the Duke of Devonshire. In the event of war between the United States and Great Britain, Canada would be invaded by land. That is why, during the recent difficulties, Canada voted a large sum to equip the militia. There is no fear that a hostile army could be landed in Canada by sea. The naval stations at Halifax and Esquimault are impregnable. Canada's best defense in this respect is the maintenance of fast mail passenger vessels, convertible at a moment's notice into armed cruisers. However, neither the present nor the next generation will see a war between the United States and Great Britain. It is not to the interest of the United States to fight any great power."

There May Be Bloodshed.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 18.—A race war is imminent at Perkins, 25 miles east of here, as the result of Wednesday night's double murder. Three hundred negroes have armed themselves and made a stand to resist the taking of Kingsman, the negro believed to have committed the crime, and 500 white men are massing from the towns of Perkins, Cushing, Carney and the surrounding country to overpower the blacks, and lynch the murderer. A pitched fight seems inevitable. The excitement here is intense, and citizens are leaving hourly for the scene of the conflict. The victims have been identified as Freeman Morrow and his 14-year-old daughter. They lived near Terrillton, and were on their way to this city.

Extortionists' Trial at Dedham.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 18.—The case before the Norfolk superior court in which the greatest interest of the present term is felt—that of Joseph J. Hatlinger, Mrs. Marion Hatlinger and Mrs. Susan A. Holt of Boston, who are to be tried for alleged conspiracy to extort money from Mrs. Nancy D. Gillett of Dedham—was called yesterday. Mrs. Gillett is a well-known and respected widow. Mr. Hatlinger, the principal defendant, was a captain in the Civil War, and is a member of John A. Andrew post 15, Boston. Mrs. Hatlinger and Mrs. Holt are members of the Women's Relief Corps.

Ex-Mayor Pierce Dead.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Hon. Henry L. Pierce, ex-mayor of this city, died last night, after a brief sickness, at the home of T. B. Aldrich, the author. Mr. Pierce was born in 1823, and entered the employ of Walter Baker & Co., chocolate manufacturers, in 1850. Upon the death of Mr. Baker, in 1854, Mr. Pierce took charge of the business, and since then has been the sole manager, and in the last 20 years the sole owner of the establishment. He was mayor of the city in 1872 and again in 1877, and a member of congress from 1873 to 1877.

Robbed a Woman.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Annie T. McCormack, who keeps a grocery store on Bunker Hill street, Charlestown district, was the victim of a bold and almost successful robbery at her place of business yesterday. Two men entered the store, and while one engaged her in conversation at the door, the other forced the till. Her screams brought a police officer, and the thief with the money was captured. The other escaped.

A Peculiar Accident.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 18.—George Mullins, a pattern maker, employed at Crossman & Law's foundry, was instantly killed yesterday by falling from an upper story of the building. He was opening a door when a heavy wind struck it, precipitating Mullins to the sidewalk, a distance of about 30 feet. He leaves a widow and four children, one of the latter residing in Boston.

More Union Depot Bonds.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Samuel Hoar appeared before the board of railroad commissioners yesterday morning to ask for the approval of $2,000,000 worth more of bonds for the benefit of the Boston Terminal company, which is building the great Southern union station. This gives the maximum cost of the new station and approaches, roughly estimated, at between $9,000,000 and $10,000,000.

Erie Canal Strikers.

Syracuse, Dec. 18.—The second strike within two days in the Erie canal improvement work occurred in this city yesterday. One hundred laborers, mostly Italians, demand $1.50 a day, instead of $1.25. No answer was made to the demand, and the men organized into a mob and compelled laborers on other sections to quit work. Police protection will be given the contractors, who say they will not increase wages.

Panama Canal Fine Unpaid.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Action has been commenced by the treasury against MM. Baihaut, Charles De Lesseps and Blondin to recover an unpaid fine inflicted upon M. Baihaut by the assize court in March, 1888, in connection with the Panama canal failure. The sum for which M. De Lesseps is held jointly responsible in this capacity amounts to 591,588 francs. It is claimed by M. De Lesseps that M. Baihaut has already paid 579,000 francs.

Dr. Conaty Congratulated.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 18.—The installation of Very Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D. D. of this city as rector of the Catholic university at Washington will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Dr. Conaty yesterday afternoon received the following cable dispatch from Bishop Keane, former rector of the university: "Paris, Dec. 17, Very Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D. D., Worcester. Hearty congratulations. Good wishes. John J. Keane."

NEW ENGLAND NOTES.

Isaac F. Sawyer, a lawyer, was arraigned for murder at Boston.

The schooner Ulrica, which went ashore on Nantasket Beach, is a total loss.

Edward P. Hickman was arrested at Boston, charged with selling oleomargarine.

More than $100,000 was spent last year by Cambridge, Mass., for its police department.

Citizens of Marblehead, Mass., presented a set of colors to the cruiser of that name.

The case of James P. Merritt et al. against Bowdoin college will go to the supreme court.

Henry Sproul of Bristol, Me., was drowned near Thread of Life ledges, while boarding a sailboat.

Omer Labonte, aged 11 years, was drowned in the river at Saco, Me., yesterday afternoon while walking on the ice.

The management of the Bath (Me.) polo team has signed Ed Mooney, center, and Cashman, goal, both Massachusetts men.

The Frank T. Fowler Manufacturing company was organized at Keene, N. H., yesterday. The firm manufactures bicycles.

Mrs. Abbott Young fell down stairs at her home at Hampton, N. H., and sustained serious injuries. She will probably die.

The striking filers at the Pope Bicycle Manufacturing company were endorsed yesterday by the Central Labor union of Hartford.

Henry Hobel, a well-known poultry dealer, was the victim of a daring attempt at robbery at his home in Northville, Mass.

Boston university has withdrawn from the New England Intercollegiate Debating league, and will not debate with Bates college.

George S. Kingsbury, 65 years of age, committed suicide yesterday at Boston by shooting himself through the right temple. Mr. Kingsbury was a native of Keene, N. H.

MRS. M'KINLEY.

Some of the Dresses She Will Wear at the White House.

All reports that the lady of the White House for the next four years will absent herself from all public receptions and large social functions have been denied by Mr. McKinley himself.

Notwithstanding the statements that Mrs. McKinley had for many years been in feeble health and was in nowise equal to the performance of the arduous social tasks which must fall to the lot of the mistress of the White House, the manner in which she bore the trying ordeal of the campaign, with its many receptions and interminable handshakings, is eloquent of a vast amount of reserve strength. The endurance shown where many women have failed gives guarantee that she will be in fact, as well as in name, mistress of the White House and will administer its social offices herself.

To do this, Mrs. McKinley will need toilets galore. Stately functions require stately surroundings, and there is no support so satisfying to a woman as the consciousness of being well gowned, and in this trifle—which is not such a trifle, after all—as well as in things of greater moment, the sweet faced, gentle mannered woman will not be found wanting.

Heavy brocades and rich satins, fashioned into magnificent reception gowns by the expert fingers of Chicago modistes, will before many months enhance the gentle dignity and stately beauty of the woman who will reign over the White House and its attendant retinue of political and social diplomats.

Just how many reception, dinner, evening, carriage, shopping, walking and morning gowns will comprise the outfit of the wife of President McKinley it is not easy to surmise, but they, even to the inauguration robe itself, will, according to the decree of the typical American woman who will wear them, bear the mark of a Chicago modiste—that is, if well defined rumors speak the truth.—Chicago Tribune.

To Prevent More Suicides.

Representative George W. Ray of New York is proprietor of the latest idea to prevent the multiplication of suicides. It is embodied in a bill which has been introduced in the house and referred to the committee on judiciary. It forbids the circulation through the mails of any newspaper which contains any picture of a suicide or any details relating thereto beyond the simple statement of death by suicide, giving name, date and place. The bill allows medical journals to publish "further particulars in the interest of science," or any judicial officer of the town or county in which the matter is being investigated may order such particulars to be published as shall serve the ends of justice. The punishment provided is a fine of not less than $25 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days. The bill names a certain New York weekly as apparently a conspicuous offender.—Washington Post

As to All Around Ability.

The fiction that members of either house of congress are men of unusual abilities or information or qualifications is the merest nonsense. Make an average draft of the attorneys present any day of the year in the courtrooms of New York city, and you would secure a slightly higher order of all round ability and character than an average house of representatives or an average senate. Why should such an outfit be paid $7,500 a year apiece?—New York Sun.

Uncle Sam's Sinking Fund.

A naval expert puts it pat. He says: "The Texas is moribund. She cost $4,000,000 flat. How's that for a sinking fund?" —Chicago Times-Herald.

Advocates Free Land.

Governor Elect Rogers of Washington has issued a copyrighted pamphlet containing about 2,000 words and entitled "Free Land." A copy has been sent to the members of the legislature. He takes the position that free land is an "inalienable, imprescriptible and indestructible" right of man. His position is supported by quotations from Emerson, Ingersoll and Seneca. In conclusion he proposes an amendment to the state constitution providing that real estate and all usual improvements, to a value not to exceed $2,500, occupied as a homestead by any private family, the holder of which is a citizen of the United States and Washington state, shall be forever exempted from all taxation of every kind.

Proctor as Administration Leader.

It is said that Proctor of Vermont will be the administration leader in the senate when McKinley comes into his own. The marble handed senator is declared to be closer to the next president than anybody else except Mark Hanna. The most conspicuous thing in the McKinley dining room at Canton is a group picture of Proctor and his family, which hangs over the mantle. Ever since the fateful day of the Vermont convention, which declared a preference for the Ohio candidate, Proctor has been edging closer and closer to the throne.—Washington Post.

TROUBLE FOR MRS. LEASE.

Her Kansas Home to Be Sold to the Highest Bidder.

On the feast of the Epiphany, next month, at the west door of the courthouse, in Wichita, Kan., the home that Mrs. Mary E. Lease lives in during the Christmas holidays, and in which her husband and children live all the year round, will be sold by Sheriff Rufus Cone to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand. The sale will be made under an order of Judge David M. Dale of the district court, and his order is the result of a judgment in his court wherein one J. March, a money lender of Kansas City, was plaintiff and Mary E. Lease was defendant. To be brief, Mr. J. March loaned $1,400 to Mrs. Lease, and received as security a mortgage on her home. This mortgage became due in 1895, and Mrs. Lease neither offered to pay it nor sought a renewal.

To be moderate in stating the facts, Mrs. Lease had no desire to pay $1,400 and an additional $100 in accumulated interest and taxes on property which is now not worth more than $500. At the time the mortgage was made the property was undoubtedly worth more than $1,400; but values in Kansas are uncertain. In the average Kansas town the utility of a home for purely domestic purposes is not the basis of value. The centers of society and business have a great deal to do with it. The approach of these influences means an increase of value. Their retreat means a decrease. The tendency of both has been in the opposite direction from Mrs. Lease, or rather from her property.

The day may come when the home of Mrs. Lease may be valuable as a fruitful field for the relic hunter; but, as yet, in this community at least, Mrs. Lease has not reached the interesting point occupied by John Brown and Barbara Freitchie in the heart of the "relicomaniac." No public spirited movement has been inaugurated to purchase the home and present it to her as an evidence of the estimation in which she is held by her fellow citizens.—Chicago Tribune.

He Wants a King.

The postoffice inspectors stationed at Louisville are working on a case which they regard as treason, and the arrest of the man suspected may occur at any time. Recently the following advertisement appeared in the Sunday New York Herald: "Wanted—To communicate with persons desiring to form an absolute monarchical party. Address B., box 463, Louisville." The box is now being watched. A local newspaper man answered the advertisement soon after its publication. The response was a cautious one, stating that only two letters of inquiry had then been received. No name was signed. The letter of the inquirer was returned voluntarily, probably to insure safety in case of exposure.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Love and War.

It was almost midnight and he was still nervously talking about the weather.

"I believe I would like the climate of Cuba first rate," she remarked quietly.

"No; too hot and unhealthy," he replied.

"But," she continued, "I can't pick up a paper nowadays without reading of a new engagement or two down there."

After New Year's he will have to pay for the coal and gas they use.—Chicago Times-Herald.

TO ABOLISH HANGING.

Bill to Be Introduced In Pennsylvania Legislature to Asphyxiate Murderers.

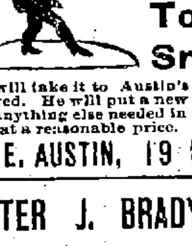
The movement that has been on foot in Pennsylvania to change the method of capital punishment in that state has reached the point at which action is to be taken. At the next session of the legislature a bill is to be introduced to abolish hanging and providing that the death penalty shall be inflicted by asphyxiation.

Nearly two years ago the question was brought up, and it has been under discussion ever since by medical and other societies throughout the state. A committee was appointed by the Alleghany Medical society to thoroughly investigate the different methods of execution.

That committee has been at work for over a year and a half. The result of its labors is to be submitted to the medical society at its coming meeting. The matter will then be laid before the State Medical society for approval and a bill prepared providing for the radical change in the system of administering capital punishment.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Next Year's W. C. T. U. Convention.

Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the World's W. C. T. U., has announced that the annual conventions of the National and Dominion unions will be held in the last of October and the 1st of November, 1897, in the order of mention, the National in either Buffalo or Detroit and the Dominion in Toronto.



This Umbrella Has Cone To Smash.

I will take it to Austin's and have it repaired. He will put a new cover on it and do anything else needed in a first class manner at a reasonable price.

C. E. AUSTIN, 19 Bridge Street.

PETER J. BRADY, GROCER

448 Gorham Street.

Choice Teas, Coffees and Spices

Try our "BIG TWELVE" brand of flour the best in the city.

PLEASANT

It is a pleasure to be remembered with one of our Holiday Umbrellas, Fancy Kid Gloves, Silk Mittens, where goods are as represented.

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PRACTICAL

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385 Central Street.

THE MACEO MYSTERY.

A New York Traveling Man Relieved of $15,000 Worth of Loose Diamonds.

Key West, Dec. 18.—Dispatches received here last night do not solve the mystery of Maceo.

The Cubans still claim that Maceo is alive, and the Spaniards as persistently claim that the Cuban general is dead, beyond a doubt.

Weyler still remains in Habana, and is greatly worried over the situation. Reports that come show that Gomez is still advancing, and is sweeping all before him.

It is evident that Weyler expects Habana to be besieged, for he is mounting heavy siege guns on the outer sea wall, and is also making other preparations.

Another expedition left last night, and it is stated that the Three Friends succeeded in landing her cargo of arms and men.

Cuban League Address.

New York, Dec. 18.—Colonel Ethan Allen, president of the Cuban League of the United States, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the meeting at which the league was organized, has issued an address to the public, reciting the wrongs and sufferings of the Cuban people, commenting severely on President Cleveland's reference to Cuba in his recent message to congress and declaring that the people must so speak that the president and congress shall recognize Cuban independence. It is proposed to arouse public sympathy by mass meetings throughout the country, and a grand mass meeting will be held in Cooper Union hall in this city on Dec. 21. Besides Colonel Allen, the address is signed by Paul Dana, John Jacob Astor, General Daniel Butterfield and Colonel Fred Grant.

Weyler Saved by Maceo's Death.

New York, Dec. 18.—A special to The World from Madrid (by way of Bayonne, France) says: It is now known, that General Maceo's death happened most fortunately for General Weyler. Premier Canovas and the minister of war were so indignant when they heard that General Maceo had crossed the trocha and entered Habana province, by land, that they had determined to recall General Weyler, and send Captain General Marin from Porto Rico. It is an open secret in politics, military and diplomatic circles here that anyhow General Weyler will only be allowed to remain in Cuba if he promptly and signally crushes the insurrection.

Mill Burned at Grafton.

Grafton, Vt., Dec. 18.—The milling property owned by the estate of Ellery C. Kenny in this town burned yesterday. The blaze started in the shingle mill and rapidly spread to the other buildings and lumber on the premises. The shingle and planing mills and the storehouse were consumed, together with considerable machinery and finished lumber. The property was being operated by J. H. Stowell & Sons. Loss estimated at $6000; not covered by insurance.

Threw Lye on Her Neighbor.

Chillicothe, O., Dec. 18.—There is great excitement at Bethel, a small station three miles south of Kingston, this county, occasioned by a terrible atrocity which occurred there yesterday afternoon. Two married women, named Moon and Shell, quarreled, and the Shell woman threw a bucket of strong lye water into the face of Mrs. Moon and her infant daughter. Both have their eyes burned out and their heads and faces also terribly burned. The baby died in a short time, and the mother is in terrible agony, her death being looked for every moment. Mrs. Shell made her escape, but is being pursued by several hundred men and boys, assisted by dogs, and if captured, a lynching is probable.

City of Lowell

Auditor's Office, Dec. 16, 1896.

Persons having bills against the City of Lowell are requested to present them at this office on or before Saturday, the 19th inst.

Bills not presented as above will remain unpaid until Feb. 10, 1897.

DAVID CHASE, Auditor.

Chritmas Candles

For Christmas Tree, Boudoir and Table use in

White and Colors

Candle Shades and Holders.

C. B. Coburn & Co.

63 AND 67 MARKET STREET.

CHARLES B. COSGROVE, Room 10, Hildreth Building. Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

J. M. KINGSBURY, No. 373 Bridge Street. Meats and Provisions. (Successor to Strout & Kingsbury.)

PHILIP J. FARLEY, Room 11, Barristers' Hall. Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

JOSEPH W. LEACH, Room 12, Shedd's Block. Pianist and Teacher of Singing.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St., Opp. American House, Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

COURTNEY & COURTNEY, Mansur Block. Counsellors-at-Law. William F. Courtney. Henry S. Courtney.

SMOKE OLD 64 CIGAR H. BOOT, Manufacturer.

LOTHROP & CUNNINGHAM, 183 Merrimack Street. Photographers. Crayons, Pastels and Water Colors a specialty All work guaranteed

W. A. LEW. 40 John Street. Clothing Cleansed, Dyed and Pressed Orders received for cleaning, dying and pressing, promptly and neatly executed.

WANT COLUMN.

LOST—Two St. Bernard dogs, male and female. One has collar marked F. L. Richard, 27 Lakeview avenue. They are both yellow, one being a little darker than the other. Reward at Frank L. Richard's, Moody street.

LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 12, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

WANTED—Good man to take agency for Dirigo cream in Lowell and vicinity. Address, Dirigo Creamery Co., Beverly, Mass.

LADIES TO WRITE for us at home. No canvassing. Reply, enclosing stamp, Silver Fern Co., Aurora, Indiana.

TO LET—4 room flat at 634 Broadway.

TO LET—Sunny five room tenement on Moody street. Enquire at 621 Merrimack street.

TO LET—Very pleasant and sunny rooms, newly furnished at 404 Bridge street.

WANTED—500 Ladies to call at the Union Supply, 65 Merrimack street, up one flight, room 2, to get dressed in good style. The best of garments, mackintoshes, dresses, wrappers and millinery. Cash or credit. Lowest of prices. Over Central Savings bank.

GOOD INVESTMENT.—500 shares stock in active company for sale at $4 per share, must be sold to settle estate. Address post office box 1804, Boston.

FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street. Good cottage house, near mills. Price, $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—A position as stenographer and typewriter; experienced; mercantile or legal work; can give good recommendation; also good references. Address R, Sun office, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—In Centralville, 7 room cottage house, in good repair, 8 minutes walk to mills. This is a bargain. Price, $1800. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a two-tenement house near new bridge. This is an excellent chance to buy a home and on easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—Your child to have Rosy Cheeks, Pure Blood, to rest well. Get a box of the Athan Worm and Scrofula Tablets at all druggists. Price 25c., prepaid, by the Lowell Chemistry Co.

FOR SALE—Just the place you want to make money on a 4 tenement block in Belvidere. Pays 12 per cent. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester's English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best. Safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c., stamps, for particulars, "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

DR. CATON'S TANSY PILLS for Ladies never fail. Get the genuine and avoid disappointment. $1, all druggists or direct. DR. R. F. CATON, Boston, Mass.

FOR SALE—Good boarding and lodging house near John street. All new furniture and in good shape. 50 boarders. This is an excellent location for business. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

ALL LADIES having a few hours leisure each day should write me at once, regarding pleasant home work which easily pays $18 weekly. This is no deception and will certainly pay you to investigate. Reply with stamped envelop Mrs. S. A. Stebbins, Lawrence, Mich.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Law's Dye house and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

SAVOY THEATRE

Kendal Weston, Mgr.

SOUVENIRS TONIGHT.

Every lady in the audience will receive an autograph photograph of Mrs. Georgie Dickson.

The Savoy Theatre Co. in a Brilliant Production of Robertson's great 3-act Comedy.

"CASTE"

"True hearts are more than coronets, and simple faith than Normand blood."

Produced with the most careful attention to detail and appointments.

Matinee prices: Lower floor, 25c.; Balcony, 15c. Evening prices, 15, 25, 35 and 50c. Box seats, 75c. Evenings at 8 o'clock. Wednesday and Saturday Matinees at 2.30. Carriages at 10.30 p. m. Seats on sale at theatre one week in advance. Box office open from 10 a. m. to 9.30 p. m. Telephone 608-5. Tickets will be reserved until within 15 minutes of time of performance.

NEXT WEEK—Wallack's Greatest of Military Plays, "Rosedale."

Music Hall

Three Nights Beginning Thursday, December 17, 18, 19. Matinee Saturday at 2.30.

THE FAMOUS Watson Sisters

Grand Company, introducing their Marvelous Electrical Aerial Sensation,

TRIANGUL GIRATORIO, Patented

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Next Week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with Wednesday Matinee, Dec. 21, 22, 23.

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In the Musical Farce Comedy,

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NANA THE WORLD'S GREATEST PICTURE

IS WITH US

For a few days only. This exquisite creation of the painters' art, one of the most tender realizations of female beauty ever placed on canvas, is now on exhibition daily at the

RUSSIAN HALL, Urban Block

(Rear of Old City Hall)

Nana has been exhibited in every quarter of the civilized globe, and has been unanimously declared by press, People and Critics everywhere, to be the most wonderful picture ever painted. It is from the brush of Sucherowsky, most famous of the great school of Russian realistic artists.

ADMISSION:

9 a. m. till 5 p. m., 20 cents.

5 p. m. till 10 p. m., 10 cents.

THE LATEST TALKING MACHINE

ONLY $25. Just Think of It.

The Graphophone, 1897 model! Just out. Simplest and best ever made. Clockwork motor of new design. You can record and reproduce speech, songs, bands, etc. Just what you want at home to entertain your friends and children.

New Spring Motor Slot ONLY $50

For Stores, Houses, Car Stations and Public Resorts. Great attraction and money maker.

EASTERN TALKING MACHINE CO.

88 Merrimack Street, Lowell.

COOL EVENINGS ARE COMING! Why not order your light weight overcoat now and save a few dollars? Our unlined heavy coverts are dandies.

DAVIS & NICKERSON,

Tailors, 9 CENTRAL STREET.

New Goods Arriving Every Week.

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:05; sets, 4:14.
Length of day—9h. 5m.
Moon sets—6 a. m.
Full sea—10 a. m.; 10:30 p. m.
Forecast for New England: Fair in the morning, cloudy and threatening in the afternoon; warmer; winds shifting to southeasterly.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance. Donovan bl'd.

Elegant rubber-tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson street. Telephone 439-4.

Orders for coal promptly filled and satisfaction guaranteed by Roark & Sullivan, 984 Gorham street. Telephone 556-3.

There are many grades of coal and you want the best. W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike street, will give you the benefit of his experience if you order your winter supply of him.

The second in the course of illustrated lectures in the First Universalist church course was delivered last night, by Rev. P. M. Powers of Somerville, his subject being "Afloat and on land in Holland."

Burn Wilson's Coal.

Catholic Prayer Books.

A large assortment of the latest bindings, pearl rosaries, and other religious articles suitable for a christmas present at Murphy's 18 Appleton street.

Chevalier Lodge Election.

At Wednesday evening's meeting of Chevalier lodge, K. of P., the following officers were elected for the next six months: Chancellor commander, E. K. Humphrey; vice chancellor commander, C. E. Frost; prelate, S. A. Arnold; master of work, F. A. Pillings; keeper of records and seals, W. A. Barr; master of finance, A. S. Thompson; master of exchequer, H. Pilling; master at arms, William Brooks; trustee for two years, F. A. Griffin; for three years, F. A. George. The rank of knight was worked upon one candidate by the degree staff of the lodge. The staff will go to Lawrence next Monday evening to work the degree upon candidates for Quindaro lodge of that place.

Lady Franklin Council.

Lady Franklin Council, D. of L. elected the following officers at its meeting Wednesday evening: Councillor, Frances Roakes; associate councillor, Christina Clough; vice councillor, Ida M. Bills; associate vice councillor, W. E. Farris; recording secretary, Clara A. Varney; associate recording secretary, Maud Farley; treasurer, Blanche Bartlett; guide, Mrs. Brett; inside guard, Ella M. Sawyer; outside guard, Luella Crowell; trustee for 18 months, Clinton Rollins; representatives to state convention, A. Cora Stiles and Hattie Noyes; alternates, Lizzie Crowell and Blanche Bartlett. These officers will be installed the first Wednesday evening in January.

Emulus Thompson Commandery.

Emulus Thompson Commandery, Golden Cross, received five applications for membership at its meeting in Manchester Unity hall, Wednesday evening and elected the following officers: Noble commander, C. A. Dane; vice noble commander, Mrs. Ellen Bumps; prelate, Mrs. Ellen Yagerhorn; keeper of records, George H. Howes; financial keeper of records, Fred C. Piper; treasurer, Walter H. Emmett; herald, Arthur Mountford; warden at inner gate, Miss Agie Wallace; warden at outer gate, William H. Rogers; trustees, Walter H. Gilman, Dr. Thomas McGannon, Lauren F. Haskell, officers will be installed the first Wednesday evening in January.

POLICE NOTES.

Charles McCarthy of this city, a peddler who was arrested in Lawrence in connection with a larceny there, received three months for receiving stolen goods.

A SHOE FACTORY

Is Likely to Locate In This City Very Soon.

The Gale Shoe factory of Exeter, N. H., will probably be removed to some other place. At the Board of Trade meeting, this week, Gen. S. H. Gale said that Lowell offers the best inducement for the factory. It is not unlikely that it will locate here.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

By Several Local Organizations Last Night.

At the semi-annual election of Court Wamesit, F. O. A., in Foresters hall last night, the following officers were chosen: C. R., Thomas McDermott; S. C. R., Dennis Leary; F. S., J. P. Mahoney; Tr., John E. Maguire; R. S., Charles White; I. G., James Farrell; O. G., James Driscoll; trustee for three years, Mathew Coupe; physician, Dr. J. S. Leary.

Bay State colony, Pilgrim Fathers, elected officers last night for six months as follows: Governor, Ella M. Sawyer; lieut.-gov., Louise Williams, chaplain, Mary Tighe; secretary, Carrie I. Corbett; collector, Annette D. Collins; treasurer, Dennis Dilworth; sergeant-at-arms, O. C. Johnson; deputy sergeant-at-arms, Ida A. Ward; inside sentinel, Frank R. Lucas; outside sentinel, John Murrington; trustees, Geo. F. Bills, J. L. Jewett and Wm. Arnold; janitor, Frank Sands; pianist, C. E. Corbett.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Five Brothers and the Police met on Les Miserables alleys yesterday afternoon. The former won with the following totals:

Five Brothers—Peter H. Donohoe 486, Owen Donohoe 581, Frank Donohoe 533, Edward P. Donohoe 437, James Donohoe 497; total 2504.

Police—Brosnahan 412, Donaldson 448, Connors 434, Hurley 429, McLaughlin 686; total 2309.

The Vespers and Highlands played a game on the latter's alleys. The Vespers won, 2493 to 2425.

The Home club defeated The Club last evening, 2292 to 2257.

The Lowells got it rubbed into them by the Firemen last evening. The score was: Firemen 2363, Lowells 2247.

Swift and Bailey's team defeated the Old Guards, 2262 to 2118.

In the Bankers' game Team Four won from Team Six, 1795 to 1746.

Dolls and Toys.

We have got an elegant assortment of these necessary holiday goods at very low prices. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 63 Merrimack street.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

Dr. Colburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

Beauty is your Duty

Abundant, glossy hair, is beauty's crowning glory.
To wear this crown, use

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR.

SOME CRISP GOSSIP.

James Donovan, ex-president of the democratic city committee in Boston and at present superintendent of the lighting department there, recently sent his photo to a friend in this city, with a request that it be placed on his office desk. And he added "don't be afraid to tell every one that it is the picture of the handsomest man in Boston."

Some of the storekeepers have costly experiences with the "green" clerks they employ around Christmas time. In one of the large stores a few days ago a lady inquired the price of a handsome cut glass dish. The regular price was $3. It looked cheap and the girl said "three cents, Miss." The lady purchased. When she reached the store entrance she decided she had struck a bargain and would let no chance pass. Back she went, this time to the regular clerk. "I'll take two more of those dishes," she said, at the same time placing six cents on the counter. The astonished clerk replied, "two will cost you $6." The woman protested, she had bought one for 3 cents, and proceeded to show her purchase. Then she lost it for the clerk with an eye to business politely informed her that a mistake had been made and the dish must be returned.

This is the visiting season for the school teachers. Those in the Morrill school are visiting today and in consequence the little ones are enjoying a holiday.

Senator and Mrs. Fisher H. Pearson are expected to arrive in this city next Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riley have returned from their wedding trip.

Among the letters of congratulation received by Mayor Courtney was one from Rev. Fr. Forget, O.M.I., formerly of this city. Fr. Forget had previously sent a telegram but wished to express at greater length and more fully his pleasure at the success of his friend.

Among the brightest, cleanest, most instructive and most useful to women is the Ladies Home Journal and Companion. It covers every department of domestic economy. Each year some new and attractive feature is added and for the coming year, it will be an increase in the galaxy of brilliant writers whose ideas shine out in its pages.

For the first time in its history the city of Newburyport has elected an Irishman to the office of alderman. Heretofore the common council was as high as Irishmen could get but this year's exception was Jere Healey of Ward five who has had four years in the council. He is a prime favorite in Newburyport. His good fortune was undoubtedly due to the fact that Dave Wallace of the Waverley house was in Newburyport hustling for him on Tuesday.

"Doc" Byans, the well known horseman, predicts good sleighing soon. He doesn't think, however, that there will be much of it out of yesterday's storm. "Doc" has elaborate plans for the winter and contemplates the best track the river over saw if nature will only give him the ice. A number of sleighs were out yesterday afternoon and last night though going was bad owing to the drifts.

We are informed that this is beautiful weather at Kenwood. Owing to the lack of power, cars on the Lawrence line could not come any further than the car house which is below Indian Orchard, and consequently the residents of the suburban resort were obliged to walk down there last night, and that walk over First street in a night like last was one worth going miles to keep away from.

The ward two hunting club headed by President Courtney went out in the woods Tuesday and had pretty good luck, bagging 10 rabbits. The hunters found it very cold, the thermometer being down to 6° at one farmhouse where they stopped.

Young People's Society.

The second day's meeting of the fourth annual convention of the General Eastern Young People's society of Loyal Workers was held yesterday in the Advent church. In the morning the reports were read and these officers elected:

President, G. F. Haines of Salem; vice presidents, Rev. C. T. Fiske, Lafayette, R. I., Rev. A. E. Phelps, Portsmouth, N. H., and Rev. M. G. Nelson of this city; secretary, Mrs. A. Morrill of Springfield; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. B. Marden; treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Bolie of Westfield.

The sessions afternoon and evening were interesting and largely attended.

Boston and Maine Ball.

The eleventh annual concert and ball of the Boston and Maine railroad employes was held in Prescott hall last evening and was quite a success. Hibbard's orchestra furnished music.

Much in Little

Is especially true of Hood's Pills, for no medicine ever contained so great curative power in so small space. They are a whole medicine chest, always ready, always efficient, always satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. 25c. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills

A CARD.

We are now showing samples of Manufacturers' Handkerchiefs for the Holiday trade. We purchased these goods at half regular prices and are offering them at the same ratio to our customers.

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A Well Established Profitable Business,

ON MERRIMACK STREET FOR SALE AT SANBORN & DONOVAN'S

Room 1, Swan's Block, Central street. Bad debts of all kinds collected. Telephone 60-3.

MR. AND MRS. ADAMS

Remembered by Their Friends in a Generous Manner.

A number of the friends of Frank H. Adams of 11 Waite street called upon him last evening and presented him with a beautiful gold watch, chain and charm. Afterwards Mrs. Adams served light refreshments, Misses May E. Adams and Carrie B. Cheney assisting. Mrs. Adams was presented with some silver ware.

Reception to Rev. Dr. Chambre.

The vestry of St. Anne's church was filled last evening when the parishioners tendered Rev. Dr. Chambre and his estimable wife a reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambre were assisted in receiving by H. M. Thompson, Mrs. J. B. Francis, Mrs. J. M. G. Parker and Miss Elizabeth Edson and the beloved pastor and his wife were the recipients of the warmest congratulations from old and young upon their continued good health.

The reception was in the upper vestry, and the ushers were Heaton Burns, George W. Peterson, Edward B. Saunders, Walter Gerrish and F. W. Coburn. Lemonade was served in the receiving room, and light refreshments were served to all.

Among those present upon the occasion were several from North Billerica.

Lost an Eye.

Harry Shaw was struck in the face by a shuttle while at work in the United States Bunting company and lost an eye.

Picturesque Lowell

Is the title of a very beautiful illustrated book just brought out by us. It contains 16 Lowell views and includes Merrimack street, Central street, City Hall, Memorial Building, High School, new Court House, Grace Church, Pawtucket Falls, the Armory, St. Anne's Church, Fort Hill Park, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Mills at Lowell, the Merrimack River from Andover Street, Lowell Jail and the grave of J. C. Ayer. The price is **25 cents.** Just the thing to send to your friends.

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A JANUARY SALE IN DECEMBER! CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

The Festive Season will soon be here! Our numerous patrons wish to make Christmas presents which shall be both useful and pleasing. What more useful present can there be than one of our beautiful garments? The prices are ridiculously low, for we propose to sell our JANUARY GOODS IN DECEMBER. Mark you—this is not a printer's error—JANUARY GOODS IN DECEMBER—a month in advance.

Why is it that we can offer a New Year's Sale before Christmas? It is in order that those who desire to make useful CHRISTMAS PRESENTS may do so without undue expense. It is because of the mild weather, over-production and great number of failures of wholesale houses that we are enabled to offer this advantage.

FUR COLLARETTES—All kinds Electric, Russian Seal, Astrachan, Krimmer, etc., good value, $4.98, 7.50, 8.75, 10.75 to $20.

FUR AND OSTRICH BOAS—Ostrich Feather Neck Scarfs, $1.98 to 3.50. Ostrich Feather Boas, $7.50 to $15. Thibet Marten and Electric Seal Boas, lowest prices.

CHILDREN'S FUR SETS — Fine white Iceland Bear Sets, $1.39 each. White and colored Angora Sets, $1.98. White Fancy sets, $2.23.

FUR CAPES—Most Complete assortment in Lowell. All kinds from 20-inch Ripple Capes to 36 inches long.

MACKINTOSHES AND CRAVENETTES —Two Cape lined velvet collar in Garnet, Navy Blue, Black, etc., actual value, $8.50. Sale price, $4.95. New Cravenettes from $7.50 to $15.

MISSES' JACKETS—1 lot Fancy Cloth Jackets, high neck, shield front, with pretty buttons. Regular value, $5.00. Sale price, $2.50.

LADIES' JACKETS—1 lot half lined Irish Frieze Jackets, braid trimmed and very heavy at $7.50, for $3.75.

SAMPLE COATS — Very stylish Kersey Coats, lined and half lined, in Tans, Browns, Greens and Blacks. Garments made to sell from $15.00 to $25.00. Sale price, $8.75 and $12.50.

MUFFS—1 lot Electric Seal Muffs, first quality, made to sell for $5.00, cut price sale, $1.98.

FREE GIFT—Until Christmas every customer who purchases a Garment, $7.00 or over, will have given them absolutely free an elegant $3.00 Electric Seal Muff.

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We Are Overstocked in Our

Cloak Room

And have got to take a loss. Every Garment in the department is MARKED DOWN. The cost and former price utterly disregarded. In one great endeavor to dispose of

New, Stylish Goods At Ridiculous Figures

Beaver Jackets at $2.00.
Boucle Jackets at $3.00.
Kersey Jackets at $5.00.
$15 Jackets at $8.50.
Lined Empire Jackets, $10.00.
Jackets at $12.50 that cost $25.
30 inch Coney Capes, $3.75.
$20 Electric Seal Capes, $8.50.
Children's Garments, $2 and $3.

That hardly pays for making them; the cloth and trimmings are thrown in.

Plush Collarettes, fur trimmed, only $3.50, and many other equally good bargains.

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GET UP AND GIT! GET UP AND GIT! GET UP AND GIT!

THE HURRAH SALE was a grand success, it was another laurel in the crown of Bon Marche Successes and now we are to add another. The success of

THE -:- MARDI -:- GRAS

This, our unique Exposition of Holiday and other seasonable merchandise, bids fair to be the grandest achievement yet attempted by us. Our ideas of advertising and merchandising are in most every way peculiar to competition, but on the other hand are most pleasing to the buying public. We speak from the evidence now before us, the grand response to our every attempt in their behalf.

Come to the Mardi Gras Everybody! It Will Pay You 100 Fold!

We mean just what we say, 100 fold; so come to the grand carnival and feast, and Santa Claus will greet you and show you around. Cast your eyes on the following:

GAMES, GAMES

No such assortment this side of N. Y. Easy to buy; Laid out into counters with special prices attached for the Mardi Gras. One counter for 5c. See it.

Another of fine games, some 25c kind, at 10c

At 19c you will find a spendid choice

Another lot in the Mardi Gras is 50c games for 25c

39c comes next and you see the line

Further still are $1 games for 49c and so on; 75c buys $1 25 games, and 98c games will surprise you

The above special counters contain all the new and popular games, such as Pillow Dex, Cut up Animals and History, Corner Grocery, Lotto, Parchesi, Colors, Bowling, Hold the Fort, Travel, Barnum's Show, Office Boy, Golf, etc

HANDKERCHIEFS

Men's hemstitched and col'd border 5c

Men's col'd border and white handkerchiefs 10c

Men's col'd border and white all linen hemstitched 12½c

Men's white hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs 12½c

Men's extra fine all linen hemstitched 25c

Men's Japanette Silk Handkerchiefs 2 for 25c

Men's Japanette Silk Initial 15c each

Men's Japanette Silk Initial 25c, extra fine

Children's colored border Handkerchiefs 2c

Ladies' scalloped border Initial 12½c

Ladies' emb'd and white hemstitched handkerchiefs 10c

Ladies' white hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs 12½c

A magnificent assortment of fine embroidered Handkerchiefs ranging from 12 1-2c to $2.69 each. Thousands and thousands of Handkerchiefs at Mardi Gras prices, and Mardi Gras means something to every purchaser.

DOLLS, DOLLS

We want to see you in the doll gallery, so here's the fetcher

Dolls for 10c worth 25c; see it sure
Another flyer for 19c at this Mardi Gras
Fancy China Bric-a-Brac and Silver Ware
Umbrella Stands 79c, worth $1 50
Tea Sets, 56 pieces, worth $5, Mardi Gras $2 25
Toilet Set, 10 pieces, worth $2 50, Mardi Gras $1 25
Cup, Saucer and Plate, fancy decorations, 9c set
Fruit Plates, fancy shapes, 5c
Dinner Set, 112 pieces, Eng. decorations, $10, Mardi Gras $4 42
1 lot Vases at 5c at Mardi Gras
1 lot Vases, elegant goods worth 25c for 10c
1 lot Vases, 50c goods, all imported styles, for 25c
Nickel-plated Kettles 53c, worth $1 50
Wash Boilers, Mardi Gras 37c You know.
Drip Pans, all sizes, 3c each
Mardi Gras Dinner Pails 9c; they are 39c
Enamel Dish Pans, 10 qt, 17c, worth 40c
Enamel Pie Plates 5c each.
Enamel Tea Kettles 43c each
Pudding Pans, enameled, 10c Mardi Gras

SILVER WARE

Come and see our assortment of silverware, it is the finest selected stock in the city.

1847 A1 Rogers' Silver Knives and Forks at $3 a set, worth $5 50

Teaspoons $1 69 a doz, real goods, 1847 A1

Silver Service, 4 pieces, Tea Pot, Sugar Bowl, Butter, Creamer and Spoonholder, all for $2 89, worth $6

Silver Butter Dishes 69c, worth $1 50

Castors, 5 bottles worth $2, 69c

Plated Knives and Forks $1 25 set, worth $2 50

Pie Kives 79c, worth double

Gravy Ladles 39c, worth $1

Berry Spoons 69c, worth $2

Soup Ladles 89c, worth $2

Nut Picks and Cracker 19c set of 7 pieces

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Padded poems, all the best authors and lowest prices yet. We can sell you poems if any one can. Come and see

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The Cambridge edition for only $1 49

Sets. Sets. Books of the highest standard. We have all the best standard works in sets complete at prices from 98c to $10

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BOOKS, BOOKS,

We have the kind that you want and the prices are just what you want to pay. We know and you know, hurrah for Mardi Gras.

Albums, celluloid, 49c to $1.49, a bargain

Albums, plush, 98c to $3.47

Albums with stands and Musical Albums, $3.47 to $6

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Bibles. We carry the best stock in this section and the prices are Mardi Gras, 25c to $5

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Psalms, nicely bound, 69c

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

Santa Claus Books, all illustrated, 10c, 15c and 19c. Thousands of them. We sell these as well as all other lines at wholesale and retail. Special prices made for Sunday schools

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TOYS, TOYS, TOYS

Chiming Chariots 25c worth 98c

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Bureaus, all kinds, for 10c

See the 5c counter. See the 10c counter. See the 25c counter. See the 98c counter. You can't afford to miss seeing these counters

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What a line of Lamps. It is simply immense. Catch on to the topling of prices

Vase Lamp complete 59c; wonderful

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Ladies' colored border and white embroidered, lace trimmed 5c

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